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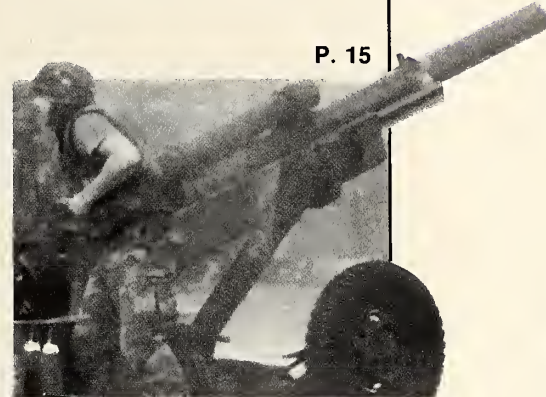
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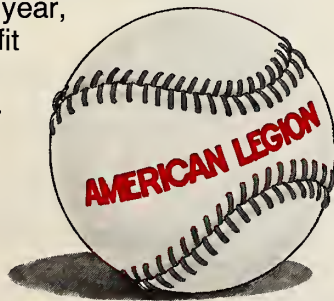
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45-54	26,400	23,760	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	14,400	12,960	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	9,600	8,640	7,680	6,720	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
65-69	6,000	5,400	4,800	4,200	3,600	3,000	2,400	1,800	1,200	600
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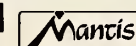
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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One point mentioned in "Can US Industry Mobilize?" (May), but not given sufficient emphasis, deals with excessive regulatory constraints imposed on domestic industry in environmental protection—specifically the controversy surrounding nuclear power generation. On the one hand we hear much about the adverse effects of burning fossil fuels in industrial plants; on the other we have the same groups of people demonstrating against development of nuclear-power generating capability. Meanwhile, foreign nations continue to build and operate nuclear power plants, and thereby increase their practical experience and competitive advantage. It seems that acid rain and other adverse effects of fossil fuel could best be met by conversion to nuclear energy as soon as possible.

*E. O. Bracken
Juneau, Alaska*

This is a superb example of constructive journalism that might well be emulated by other national publications to our country's benefit.

*Blaine Taylor
Baltimore*

Loss of our heavy industry reminds us of yet another loss—our once extensive rail network. During WWII, our railroads were called our first line of defense, and that's still true. Let's rebuild America and American railroads with American steel using American coal. We did it before, and we can do it again.

*Ira A. Stark
New York*

Truman

Regarding "President Harry S. Truman: A Legionnaire Remembered" (May): He was truly for a 100-percent Americanism. "Americanism," he said, "is not embodied in any one man. It is a distillation of the spirits of all the heroes who have labored and fought and died for the common good." We

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should be proud that he was one of us, a Legionnaire.

*H. A. "Gus" Grissinger
Mount Union, Pa.*

MX Missile

Some of the congressional oratory during the MX missile debate was ominously reminiscent of the "peace at any price" blather that misguided Great Britain during Hitler's rise to power. Even more ominous was the spectacle of our legislators disdaining recommendations of US defense experts and the Armed Services Committee in order to toady up to the Soviet Union.

*Clem J. Stava
Glendale, Ariz.*

KGB vs USA

Concerning "KGB vs the USA" (May): I can't understand why the US allows the large number of KGB personnel into this country. We have always been reluctant to step on another nation's toes, but it's time to get realistic about this situation. Soviet treatment of American diplomats in Moscow would be a good example for us to emulate here.

*M. B. Evans
Lompoc, Calif.*

WWI Pension

As a WWI veteran, my heartfelt thanks for your sponsorship and promotion of H.R. 1369 proposing a monthly pension of \$150 to qualifying WWI veterans. Your continued efforts to hurry this legislation through to a successful conclusion—while there is still time for us remaining few to enjoy it—will be greatly appreciated.

*John H. Harrison
Long Beach, Calif.*

What an outrageous decision you made in approving the WWI pension as proposed. There never should be an income basis for determining this pension. Do you wish to keep all WWI veterans in poverty? The WWI vets are the worst compensated veterans of any war. There are only 282,000 of us left, which doesn't cut much of a figure today. You are letting us down.

*David W. Potter
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The Legion's Picture of Service To America

As I've crossed and recrossed this great land of ours while serving as your National Commander this past year, I've constantly been impressed by the common sense of mission that pervades this organization, uniting not only the thousands of Legionnaires I've had the pleasure of meeting but also the hundreds of thousands I haven't met. It is amazing to me to realize that, because the Legion exists, millions of like-minded American citizens can speak with a single voice and act with a single purpose.

To me, the Legion in that respect is like a jigsaw puzzle: a collection of pieces of varying shapes and sizes that, when assembled in the correct order, presents a single picture. In just such a manner do the goals, interests and activities of thousands of American Legion Posts (and millions of individual Legionnaires) dovetail into a commonalty of shared concerns and shared mission. Every Post and every Legionnaire has a place in the overall design, and without every last one the picture would be incomplete.

In this, my final message as your National Commander, I am happy to report that the picture of The American Legion remains firmly assembled, complete and without flaw.

Our picture is one of service: service to our communities, our states, our country; service to all veterans; service to youth, service to God and service to all Americans.

It's impossible, of course, for me to detail here all that the Legion has done during the past year. Noteworthy, however, have been our efforts to rally public support for a comprehensive, long-term "Marshall Plan" of economic and military aid for emerging democracies in Central America, especially El Salvador.

Demonstrating its commitment to a strong national security, the Legion also has supported efforts to secure congressional passage of the proposed defense budget for Fiscal Year 1985.

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"Americans can speak with a single voice and act with a single purpose."

Legion has sought to hold the line on key federal agency budgets by striving to insure the greatest possible efficiency of money spent and by persuading Congress to protect those budgets against indiscriminate cuts. Also, by presenting its views to Congress, the Legion has helped reject an immediate nuclear-freeze initiative.

In line with our position as a respected representative of "Main Street America," we continued to move ahead in advancing veterans' interests. By the end of this year, the preliminary results of the Columbia University/American Legion study of the health conditions and postwar readjustment of Vietnam-era veterans will be issued. We believe this study will contribute significantly toward se-

curing congressional and VA assistance where needed for veterans of that war and for their families.

The Legion also took part in ceremonies this past year honoring two generations of veterans: the interment at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of an unidentified veteran of the Vietnam War, and the 40th anniversaries of D-Day and the signing of the GI Bill of Rights (a measure the Legion conceived, wrote and shepherded through Congress in 1943-44).

On the economic front, Posts and Departments throughout the country enabled at least 20,412 veterans to find employment this past year, through Legion-supported Jobs For Veterans programs.

Community-level programs continued to be the lifeblood of the Legion. Americanism programs thrived; also, through a cooperative effort by the Legion's National Americanism and Legislative Divisions, Legionnaires took part in a successful campaign to force discussion in the House of Representatives of the previously stalled Immigration Reform and Control Act.

Children and Youth activities also received heavy emphasis, as Posts cooperated with local law-enforcement agencies in fingerprinting young people in a Legion-directed program to combat the problem of missing children, among many other activities of equal value.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE also began a new course to become an even more effective medium for communicating the Legion's views.

Furnishing much of the glue to keep the Legion's big-picture "jigsaw puzzle" together were the selfless efforts of The American Legion Auxiliary, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Anna Gear.

As I conclude my year as National Commander, I am proud of the picture presented by The American Legion. It is a picture of strength, duty and compassion—and a picture all Legionnaires may view with pride and honor. □

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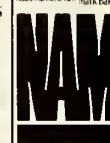


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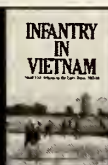
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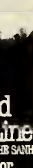
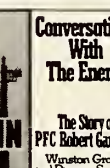
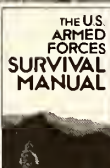
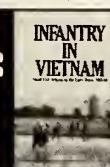
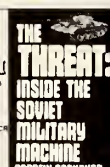
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Should Congress Ratify the Law of The Sea Treaty?

Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman, R-N.Y.

The vast oceanic 70 percent of the earth's surface has become increasingly important for food, trade and military security. Huge cargo-carriers transport the commerce of an interdependent international economy across the seas. Military responsiveness requires that modern navies have reliable access to straits and navigable waters. An expanding demand for strategic minerals and food sources heightens interest in the seabed.

YES



Recognizing a need to develop guidelines for nations to use to address these and other issues, such as scientific exploration and environmental management, the US joined other states in calling for a Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III), to conclude a comprehensive convention of agreements addressing the many uses of the world's oceans.

In April 1982, 130 nations voted to adopt the convention hammered out during nine years of UNCLOS III negotiations, during which the US led in developing many key treaty provisions. Yet, the US voted against the convention and did not sign the treaty.

As a congressional adviser to the US delegation, I witnessed hard, often acrimonious bargaining sessions, as our delegates sought to fashion a comprehensive treaty reflecting the disparate concerns of coastal, land-locked and mineral-producing states.

The US can be proud of the results that our negotiating teams produced during both Republican and Democratic administrations.

I am concerned that while the US sits on the sidelines, other nations, including the Soviet Union, are deciding in meetings of the Preparatory Commission just how the important provisions of the convention will be interpreted. There is too much at stake for our nation to ignore such meetings.

Leigh Ratiner, former deputy chairman of the US Law of the Sea delegation, in remarks before the New York City Bar in 1982, stressed that while some may feel we "won a battle when the US stood alone at the Law of the Sea conference, the US may lose a very important war."

Accordingly, I believe it is in our nation's best interest to further explore with Law of the Sea Conference participants how the outstanding issues can best be resolved. □

Rep. John B. Breaux, D-La.



NO

Despite almost a decade of negotiations, President Reagan announced in 1982 that the US would not sign the treaty document developed by the Third UN Conference on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III). I applauded the President's decision then and still do.

The treaty text involves complex issues covering virtually every aspect of current and future uses of the ocean. At the heart of the negotiations was a gamble by "Third World" nations to "agree" to provisions recognizing centuries-old freedoms of navigation important to all nations, in return for provisions creating an international regulatory authority to insure that ocean mineral development, beyond areas of national jurisdiction, were made available "for the equitable sharing" and "benefit of mankind as a whole."

These arguments overlook two important points. First, the provisions of the treaty related to navigation are nothing more than a codification of existing customary international law, established over many years.

Second, as a model for the future resource development of "global commons," the International Seabed Authority created at UNCLOS III is fatally flawed. The ISA, loosely modeled on the UN, consists of a "supreme" policy-making assembly in which each nation has one vote, and a 36-member executive council. Unlike the UN Security Council, the ISA Council would have no permanent members, although the Eastern European socialist bloc is collectively guaranteed three seats. The US is not guaranteed a seat.

The treaty could be used to subsidize national liberation groups, such as the Palestine Liberation Organization and South-West Africa People's Organization. These groups had observer status at the UNCLOS III negotiations and would be entitled to a share of the distribution of revenues received by the authority from taxes levied against private mining companies.

Finally, the treaty could be amended, and such amendments could be made binding on all "state parties," including the US if it ratified the treaty, regardless of any objections by the US Senate.

For these reasons, I believe the US made the proper decision. I would strongly oppose any attempts to reconsider our position. □

OUR GLOBAL DEFENSE COMMITMENTS

Are We Spread Too Thin?

"It all depends on what happens and when," says JCS Chairman Gen. John W. Vessey. "We have tremendous capability, but US forces cannot defend against every threat simultaneously." The nation's top military officer addresses this and other vital defense issues in this exclusive interview.

Legion Magazine: The US is committed by treaty to help defend 41 nations around the world. Since we appear overextended in this respect, couldn't allied forces shoulder more of the load?

General Vessey: Many of our allies should do more in their own behalf but so should the United States. And we're working hard together to improve our abilities to act singly or together in defense of our mutual interests. In light of the unbridled growth of Soviet military power, we must look to our allies to do more to meet the threat.

I will say, that our allies contribute in ways hard to measure. Many of these nations have internal problems such as economic problems, and they see the threat differently. Nevertheless, we're very lucky to have such good allies. As Churchill said, "There's only one thing worse than fighting with allies and that's fighting *without* them."

It is important to remember that what was a wartime alliance is now a great peacetime alliance which has kept the peace for decades. That alliance concept is key to our strategy.

It's an inescapable fact that we are economically, politically and militarily linked to the other free nations of the

world and they to us. So, too, are we threatened by the Soviet Union, a nation that has values the very antithesis of our own, a nation that has armed itself to the teeth.

Q. Can this country respond to simultaneous threats and rapidly deploy forces to more than one area at the same time?

A. The Grenada rescue operation and recent exercises show we can. It all depends on what happens and when. Certainly, it will be tough but, yes, we can go to simultaneous conflicts. We have a tremendous capability in this country. We have forces forward-deployed with our allies and we have a reserve of well-prepared active and reserve forces here in the United States.

We have a strategy that is uniquely American. Our strategy relies on three components to employ those forces effectively: intelligence to warn and inform us, mobility to get our forces rapidly wherever needed, and command and control systems to control them throughout a crisis.

Obviously we can't do everything at the same time. The situation and our general strategic priorities will dictate the order in which we take on our tasks. We have to think these things through in advance, plan effectively and keep our forces ready. US forces cannot defend against every threat simultaneously and with equal strength, and certainly crises will not evolve the way we expect. So, our force employment planning must consider the fundamental tasks to be accomplished while retaining the flexibility to meet other threats.

Q. Problems in deploying our forces around the world have reportedly cropped up because of a lack of air and sealift capabilities. How is the JCS dealing with this?

A. First of all, I am happy with what we've done. We've come a long way with mobility, but I would like to see more. Providing good mobility to our forces is key to our strategy. We need to do it well.

The JCS are actively working with the services and supporting various airlift and sealift enhancement programs. We are increasing our airlift capabilities through the procurement of the C-5B, the C-17, the KC-10 and the Civil Reserve Airfleet enhancement program. We are increasing

Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., who received a battlefield commission at Anzio in 1944, was named Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1982.

our sealift through the conversion of the SL-7 container-ships, an enhanced Maritime Pre-positioning Ships program, increased capacity of the Ready Reserve Force, and increased Southwest Asia rapid deployment capability through pre-positioning of lighterage. Finally, we have the ability to use greater numbers of US-flag ships to support surge operations through auxiliary crane ships (TACS).

One of the things that concerns me is the decline of the US Merchant Marine. This fact is not well understood by our citizens, but the decline of our Merchant Marine since World War II accounts for a noticeable decline in our ability to project power and to sustain it.

Q. What do the Joint Chiefs of Staff consider the most serious problem facing America in terms of combat readiness? What needs to be done to correct it?

A. The readiness of our forces, both active and reserve, has improved dramatically. Readiness is one of the most important issues in the minds of the Joint Chiefs and our commanders in the field, and we are glad to see recent improvements in our active and reserve forces. As a result, the people in our armed forces are as good as at any time I've seen them in my 45 years in uniform. Certainly, good people, more than any other factor, lie at the heart of our improved force readiness. In addition, those people are better equipped, they're better trained and they're better supported.

These improvements were made possible by the support of Congress and the American people. This revitalization of our forces must be sustained.

Q. Should the US be developing smaller, more mobile military forces to replace or better support the current large-division structure?

A. As a matter of fact, the Army is developing lighter and more deployable infantry divisions in the current force structure. The new light division being considered is designed to respond to some of the more frequently occurring "less than general war" type contingencies and conflicts that we have experienced since World War II. The division will be designed for ease of movement while retaining much of the punch of the heavier divisions.

The requirement for heavy forces will, of course, continue. The battlefields of Europe and those in many Third World countries will be highly mechanized. We cannot safely assume that the small, Third World country wars will necessarily be unsophisticated or low intensity

conflicts. The 1982 South Atlantic conflict and the Iran-Iraq war certainly demonstrate that fact. So, we'll still need heavy forces and there needs to be a balance in the mixture of heavy and light forces.

Q. Does all the controversy in Congress and the nation about the amount of money needed to ensure an adequate defense harm the armed forces? What can be done to better convince the public of these needs?

A. I hear too much of the debate that applies economic arguments to the issue of the defense budget, arguments like "How much is enough?" The real issue is "What must we do to protect our people and our posterity?"

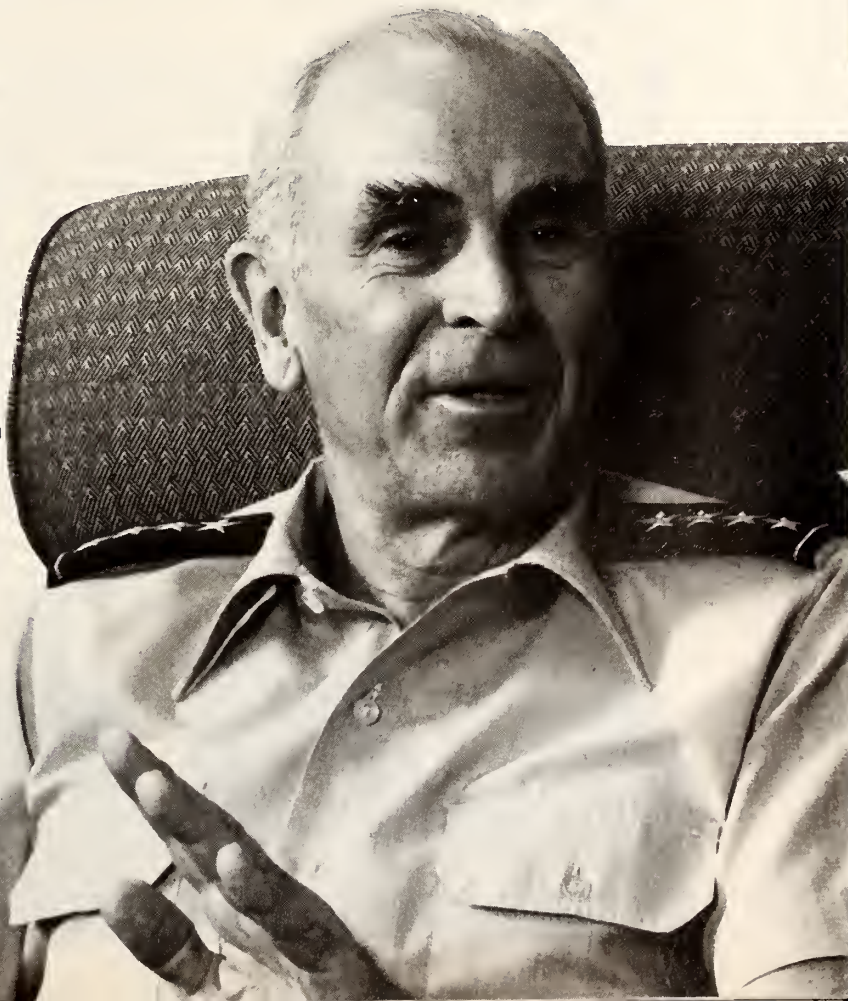
When we equate defense expenditures with the deficit instead of dealing with what is needed to meet the threat, to deter that threat and to protect our peace, liberty and way of life, then we miss the whole reason for defense. We must not judge our defenses as if they were an economic program and focus instead on how adequate they are to deter an enemy attack—to make it unavoidably clear to any aggressor that he cannot achieve his objectives by force.

I don't know how to get that to the public. In this election year, there's a lot of rhetoric to which our citizens are exposed, so it's difficult for them to understand. But they must. This is a key year and we should not slack off the revitalization of our defenses.

Q. It has been proposed that the US build smaller, more versatile carriers, attack submarines and support ships rather than huge, easily targetable ships like the aircraft carrier. What is your assessment of this strategy?

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"We want to preserve the peace and our way of life by making it clear to any potential aggressor that he can't achieve his objectives by starting a war with the United States."



DEFENSE COMMITMENTS

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A. That debate was raging back when I was a lieutenant colonel some 20 years ago—called by some the “waterbug” Navy theory. The debate has a new twist: that we can somehow build smaller, cheaper weapons and buy more of them. There’s one thing wrong with the argument: If we buy more weapons, but weapons which are ineffective, our people get killed because they no longer have the edge they need in battle.

That’s dumb. Americans have always valued people over “things.” We place great value on human life, so we rely on technology to give us the edge in battle over our enemies, enemies we expect will often outnumber us on the battlefield.

Now, I’m not a naval expert, but I have visited our Carrier Battle Groups at sea. It seems to me that the US Navy—the best in the world—understands the role of technology very well. In the Falklands crisis, the Royal Navy’s efforts to wrest air superiority were hampered by the limitations on aircraft available from the small-deck carriers. Our large-deck carriers have an effective mix of aircraft and with our submarines and other ships of the battle force have mobility, self-protection systems and defensive capability. Finally, sensible use of technology, America’s strength, is giving the Fleet defensive systems capable of defeating enemy sensors and weapons.

Q. Is our nuclear deterrent TRIAD (ICBMs, submarines, manned bombers) sufficient to deter a nuclear attack by the Soviet Union? How can it best be strengthened?

A. We didn’t have a war yesterday and we didn’t have one today—so I conclude our deterrent is working. What we have to be concerned about is “Will deterrence work in the future?”

We have a defensive strategy. We want to preserve the peace and our way of life by making it clear to any potential aggressor that he can’t achieve his objectives by starting a war with the United States. If he believes the price of a conflict is too high, then he is deterred.

The Strategic Modernization Program has made some sensible proposals to modernize the strategic TRIAD and

keep the peace. [Foremost among the proposals were: deployment of the M-X missile system; research and development of the Midget ICBM, the resumption of Strategic Arms Reduction Talks with the Soviet Union.] Those proposals are fully in accord with the recommendations of the Seowcroft Commission and of the JCS. The Joint Chiefs believe that, with the timely implementation of the program, our forces will continue to provide a deterrent against Soviet aggression into the next century.

Our success in reducing arms and the risk of war are tied very closely to that modernization. If we don’t modernize and if we continue to limit our own arms through the Western political process while the Soviets continue to field increasingly capable systems, then the Soviets will have no incentive to return to the negotiating table. So, we need to modernize—both to assure the continued credibility of deterrence and to pursue effective arms control negotiations.

Q. How soon and in what way could the nation expect a payoff from the “Star Wars” space weapons development effort?

A. The Strategic Defense Initiative, which has been tagged “Star Wars,” is not a space weapons development effort. It is a program developed in consultation with our allies to focus the technology research to support the ultimate goal of greatly reducing, even eliminating, the threat posed by ballistic missiles. It is a program to examine a range of evolving technologies in a search for ways to reduce the dangers of nuclear war.

There have been several high level studies that indicate the possibility of using new technologies to provide an effective defense against ballistic missiles. The studies don’t say that those technologies are fully mature now or that we can, or even should, deploy a defensive weapon system. They do say that some of our more advanced technologies appear to offer significant promise of providing options with which we can some day make informed judgments on development and deployment decisions.

The recent Army test in Kwajalein, which destroyed an ICBM warhead with a non-nuclear kill mechanism, demonstrated the feasibility of at least one phase of that. There are many unanswered questions at this point, but our study of such technologies is designed to answer these questions.

Q. Recruiting for the armed forces is said to be running into problems. Should universal military service be reinstituted to add breadth and depth to the reserve forces?

A. While we are concerned with some trends in recruiting and we watch them carefully, recruiting is not

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RESERVES:

Lean, Mean And Standing Tall

Though hampered by a \$40-billion lack of equipment and ammunition, today's US Reserve forces are getting better training and attracting higher-quality recruits than ever before.

By Philip C. Clarke

When word went out last December that naval reservists could apply for active duty aboard the USS *New Jersey* off Lebanon so regular crewmen could go home for the holidays, the Navy was quickly swamped with volunteers. "We had requests from enough citizen-sailors to man half the fleet," quipped one Pentagon personnel officer. "Those guys are something else!"

"Something else" is what America's ready-to-go reservists have been ever since Paul Revere called on the Minutemen to grab their muskets and fight the Redcoats 209 years ago. Today's computer-age Minutemen are no less vital to our nation's defenses.

With the 2.1 million men and women of the active armed services widely—and in places thinly—dispersed to meet Uncle Sam's burgeoning commitments and challenges, the Defense Department is relying on a "Total Force Policy," calling for an increasing mix of regulars and reserves. For the reserves, it's a welcome change. No longer are they demeaned as "weekend warriors" or consigned to aimless drills in antiquated armories. With the Pentagon emphasizing better training and modern equipment, reserve units are attracting more high-quality recruits, including civilians from the traditional professional occupations. In a few instances, they have rivaled or surpassed active-duty counterparts in their active-duty capability and performance.

Statistics bear out the growing importance of the re-

serves, now at a peacetime high of nearly 2.3 million. The backbone of this force consists of about 1 million "selected" reservists, including National Guard troops. Though nominally serving as state militia, the Guard supplies fully half the combat power of US-based regular military forces. The ready reserves of the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force together comprise two-thirds of the active forces' combat support units.

The Army is particularly dependent on reserve components for total mission capability. Today's reserves account for 40 percent of the Army's divisional combat forces, or nine out of 25 divisions. The Navy relies on its reserves for 100 percent of its US-based logistical airlift and 88 percent of its ocean minesweepers. The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard account for two-thirds of the Air Force's continental air-defense capability, and more than half of US tactical airlift capability.

More important, the reserves make up an integral part of the Defense Department's mobilization plans in the event of a conventional war, or threat of war. According to Rep. Les Aspin, D.-Wis., head of the House Military Personnel Subcommittee: "In a European scenario, approximately 13 percent of the Army's reserve components are scheduled to be deployed by D plus 30 days. Eighty-two percent are scheduled to be deployed by D plus 60 days."

This is a tall order, indeed, calling for nearly 80,000 of the Army's selected reservists to be activated, equipped and on their way to Europe within a month; some 500,000 in two months. It's a timetable some regard as unrealistic.

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RESERVES: *Standing Tall*

If ordered to full-time duty, there's little doubt that a majority of today's citizen soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen would be *rarin'* to go. Officers report morale has never been higher. And unlike during the Vietnam war years, when many young men purportedly joined the reserves to avoid the draft, most of today's volunteer reservists are motivated by a genuine desire to serve. But it takes more than zeal to master the intricacies of today's laser-beam weaponry and other high-tech warfare procedures. Months, if not years, of intensive instruction are required, far more than are available to the reserves in their weekend drills once a month and two weeks of active duty training once a year.

Readiness also requires bullets as well as bravado. Some defense analysts estimate the reserves currently are short as much as \$40 billion worth of supplies and equipment, plus ammunition. Some Army reserve units, for example, have yet to receive tool kits for the new M-1 tanks they're supposed to repair. A number of Naval Air Reserve squadrons still train with older planes unequipped to land on modern aircraft carriers. Many reserve units are woefully short of physicians and medics that would be needed to treat wounded in combat.

Pentagon planners are also concerned about a shortage of military transports. There aren't enough C-5B and C-141 transport planes to go around. The Navy's Sealift command is short of the cargo ships that would be required for sustained combat overseas.

Some critics blame such shortages on policymakers' preoccupation with costly new weapons systems, including the MX missile, the B-1 bomber and Navy supercarriers. The enormous price of these systems, however much they

are needed, has led to cutbacks in the military's everyday operating needs as Congress struggles with the national deficit and whittles away at the Pentagon's budget request of \$305 billion for 1985.

It all goes back to the question: How much can be cut from defense spending without endangering readiness?

The Pentagon, in a report made available to Congress in March, said that since 1980 there has been a 25-percent drop in the number of Army divisions "fully or substantially" fit for battle, and a 15-percent decline in combat-ready Air Force units. Secretary of Defense Caspar A. Weinberger has called the rating declines a "technicality" due to delays in getting new equipment to the units in question. He insists that, overall, America's military is "far more ready" to fight than it was in 1981. Gen. John Vessey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, explained that the Pentagon's ratings only referred to the 16 Army divisions evaluated, not to the readiness of smaller 500-man battalions, which, he said, was "substantially up."

Nonetheless, there is at least a temporary "readiness gap." For example, Pentagon contingency plans call for 10 combat divisions to reinforce Western Europe in 10 days in case of war. By current estimates, however, the US could send only six divisions in that time.

Inevitably, the debate over readiness has brought renewed demands by some experts for a peacetime draft. Assistant Secretary of Defense Lawrence J. Korb answered that "the nation cannot and should not afford the cost of an *active* force large enough to meet all our worldwide obligations. Our current plans quite rightly rely on an efficient mix of active and reserve forces." At any rate, he reminds critics, trained reserves provide a better answer to readiness than having to train new conscripts from scratch for three months or more.

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Army, Navy, Air Force and National Guard reservists played many supporting roles in Grenada comparable to their active-duty counterparts, such as these artillerymen shelling Cuban positions.

Military Reservists: *Why They Serve*

Many reasons are given, but they all boil down to patriotism.

The Pentagon's Gen. LaVern Weber says the reserves have "come a long way from the village green and the local armory." Indeed they have. But is "a long way" far enough?

To get a close-up view of today's citizen reserves, the author toured the modern Triad Armed Forces Center near Greensboro, N.C., shared by Army, Navy and Marine reserve units. The atmosphere is professional; officers and men know their business. The drills and field exercises often are rugged, and the pay's not great. A staff sergeant in the Army reserves, for example, draws \$157 for a two-day drill. A majority of the civilians who sign on for four-year hitches, however, like what they're doing. Many once served in the active military and want to keep their hand in. Tradeoffs between military and civilian skills produce professional pride. There's also the camaraderie that comes with working together.

Active-duty personnel from nearby bases as well as naval reservists undergo realistic training on the Triad Center's \$650,000 shipboard simulator. Electronic gear links the system's radar-equipped problem generating room with the bridge, combat navigation center and engine room. Cassettes are fed into the computers to simulate as many as 60 enemy radar blips and other problems at a time. Fire-control drills are run in mock crew quarters.

Cdr. Richard L. Martin, USNR, 43-year-old CO of the Triad Center's 500-man Naval Reserve unit, believes his reserves could take over the job of running a real destroyer in 30 to 60 days. "The first thing I tell the new recruits," he said, "is that their primary mission is not just to drill, but to go to war if called upon. If they don't understand this, they're not listening. They listen."

Marine Maj. Kevin McHale, 34-year-old CO of the Triad Center's 225-man Marine reserve communications unit, said he has heard "225 different reasons why our men joined up. It's not the money or the benefits, that's for sure. Our program does offer specialized training and experience useful in civilian careers, and vice versa.

"Why do they give up weekends to drill, get their hair cut short and work like hell? I guess patriotism has to be one of the answers."

Typical of the Army's ready reservists is S/Sgt. Tom Brown, 31, of the Triad's 312th Evacuation Hospital unit, a semi-mobile, 400-bed facility that provides both training and part-time medical services for servicemen and women in the Piedmont region of North Carolina. When Brown married five years ago, he scheduled the wedding and honeymoon only after his annual summer encampment was completed. "I barely had time to switch from my camouflaged uniform to a tux," he recalled with a smile. "There was nothing I could do about my GI haircut."



Reservists of the 312th Evacuation Hospital train at Fort Rucker, Ala., in August 1983.

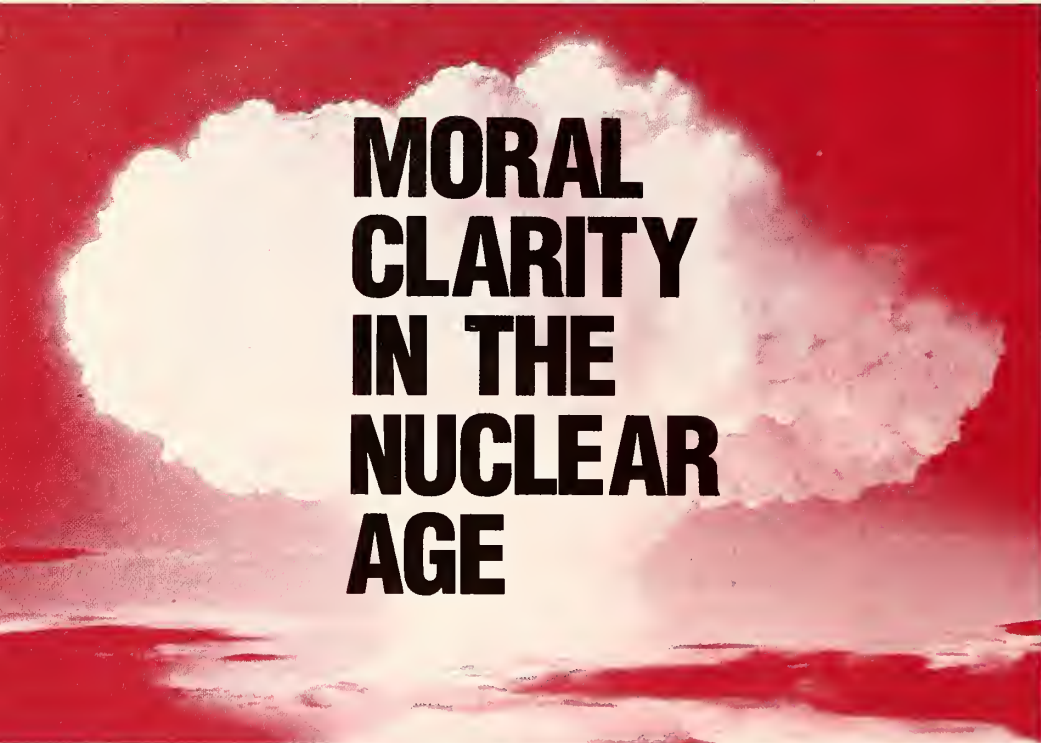
Sgt. Brown and his wife, Cameron, have yet to spend a wedding anniversary together. It falls on Aug. 11, just when the 312th is in the thick of annual field exercises in Alabama. Nonetheless, Brown, who joined the reserves in 1975 after a two-year hitch with the regular Army in Korea, welcomes the companionship of drill weekends.

Like hundreds of other reserve and National Guard units across the country, the 312th has a proud history. Organized in 1924, it served in WWII as the Third Station Hospital, seeing action from 1942-45 in North Africa, the Mideast and Europe. Redesignated the 312th after the war, the mobile hospital was in the middle of combat again in Vietnam, from September 1968 to August 1969. Stationed near Americal Division headquarters at Chu Lai, the unit came under frequent enemy rocket attacks, one of which killed a 312th nurse, Sharon Lane. Twelve other members of the 312th were wounded, but they and the others returned home with an Army meritorious unit commendation.

Today, the 312th, commanded by Col. Stephen Boone, USAR, a decorated combat veteran and practicing neurosurgeon, and staffed by more than 300 reservists, comes equipped with 30 inflatable, bubble-like components, including operation room, X-ray laboratory, pharmacy, mess hall and patient wards—all designed for transport by motorized convoy or cargo plane. Instructions call for the entire hospital complex, covering an area roughly the size of three football fields, to be set up and fully operating within seven hours!

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Author's note: I first got interested in the military as a teenager in the 1930s when I served two summers in the Citizens Military Training Corps at Fort Snelling, Minn. Ours was a horse-drawn artillery outfit using French 75's and Springfield rifles from WWI. During one Wednesday afternoon lecture, our regular army sergeant-instructor told us: "Now, you fellows should complete your four years of summer camp so you can get your commission in the reserves as a Second Looney. Then you won't have to go over the top in the next war." We all laughed. How ridiculous. There never would be a "next war." It was 1935. □



MORAL CLARITY IN THE NUCLEAR AGE

Over a year ago this renowned columnist published a book by the title of this article as a direct challenge to his church's early drafts of a pastoral letter on nuclear morality. Because of intense public interest and continuing controversy, we have asked Mr. Novak to update his views.

By Michael Novak

Peacetalking is a lot easier than peacemaking. Some cry "peace, peace!" when there is no peace. Others want peace on the cheap. All peacetalkers, however eminent, need therefore to be challenged. Words of peace do not shut the door to questions; they open it.

In 1983, for example, the United States Catholic bishops issued a highly publicized pastoral letter on morality and nuclear war. For obliging us to think more deeply about the moral implications of what we are doing, we are all in their debt.

Those who have studied the full text of the bishops' reflections recognize how subtle, complex, and nuanced their argument is—far more so than many press accounts of it, and even more so than many shallow uses which "peace activists" are making of it.

Just the same, many commentators believe that similar pastoral letters issued separately (and later) by the German and French Catholic bishops were far better in their grasp of reality—and, in particular, the reality of Soviet power and its immense threat to those liberties which make free moral action possible at all.

Perhaps this happened because the Germans and the French live so much closer to the Soviet threat.

In any case, the first step in moral clarity today is to take in hand the practical nettle. That nettle, simply stated, is how to prevent nuclear weapons from ever being used—at a time when in several crucial respects Soviet nuclear power is greater than that of the US, and when the nuclear options open to the Soviets are more numerous. In 1977, for example, the Soviets took the initiative in installing powerful new SS-20s like an iron ring around Western Europe, threatening every European city with total destruction. To this, the West had no proportionate deterrent. In this and in other ways, the Soviets have for the first time in history gained the nuclear initiative.

Detering nuclear war is, therefore, more difficult than it was in the days of US superiority. To argue, then, that by becoming still weaker the US will make the world safer makes no sense at all. The threat of nuclear war will not disappear if the US no longer has a nuclear deterrent.

Consider, for example, the possibility of nuclear hostilities between the USSR and China. Again, optimists may say that the US and USSR now have "nuclear parity"; but this was said at the signing of SALT I in 1974, and since then the trajectories of Soviet nuclear power have ascended far more rapidly than those of the US. The clear and present moral responsibility of the US is to *prevent nuclear war*, even under the difficult conditions of new Soviet power.

The gospels do not tell us, "Blessed are the peacesayers." They tell us: "Blessed are the peacemakers." It is more difficult to make peace than to say peace, and more difficult to prevent nuclear war than merely to utter the word "no" to nuclear war.

It is not possible to make peace on the cheap. It is not possible to build peace on illusions.

Deterrence is expensive. Every 15 years or so, entire deterrent systems need to be retired, because of obsolescence. Peacefully retired systems are the successful systems. They did their job. They deterred, without ever being used.

Today, for example, our B-52s are older than the young men who fly them. They have shrunk in number from over 1,300 in 1968 to under 300

today. Several among the older generation of submarines have already passed the dates of their first scheduled retirement. The Minuteman missiles of older vintage have needed replacement for some time. Since WWII, nuclear deterrence has been vastly cheaper than conventional deterrence, by a ratio of about one dollar to nine. But every 15 years or so, the heavy bill comes due. Now is that time.

Whichever administration was to be in power after 1980 faced that steep bill—and faced, too, an unusually high bill for conventional arms slashed from defense budgets during the 1970s.

Those who believe that liberty is worth “our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor” understand that defense means sacrifice. Moral fidelity never comes cheap. Yet no task is more difficult for democracies than deterrence—especially deterrence that must be maintained in readiness and sufficiency not for one decade, not for two decades, not for four decades—but now for yet more decades in the future. Patience is difficult for democracies. There seem to be so many other things besides defense on which free citizens would prefer to spend dollars. Vigilance is a stiff price to pay for liberty. What seems like *eternal* vigilance has even steeper costs.

That is why deterrence requires so many high moral virtues throughout the whole republic. Citizens must study to understand its purposes, even in detail. Citizens must support the financial sacrifices involved. Citizens must yield their sons and daughters to voluntary service in the heroic act of being willing to give their lives so that the liberties of all will not go undefended.

The Catholic bishops do wisely say that, in Europe especially, it would seem better to rely less on a nuclear defense and more on conventional forces. These conventional forces, of course, would have to be so clearly capable of defeating the Red Army that they would decisively deter war in Europe. The bishops wisely confess that such a conventional defense will be

far costlier than the (partial) nuclear defense of the present. But did *you* hear them raise their voices for higher military spending, to pay for this moral proposal? Have *they* led the way in demanding that this President, and the next (whoever he may be), should *raise military spending* accordingly? In this respect, at least, they fell short of the courage of their moral convictions.

The hard fact is that the US has for some years failed to meet its responsibilities to deter aggression. Both our conventional forces and our nuclear forces now require spending in the 1980s that ought to have been made on a regular basis in the 1970s. Earlier would have been cheaper. Earlier might have prevented Afghanistan, the present serious deterioration in the Middle East, and the deadly threat near our own borders in Central America. Today as yesterday, alas, signs of weakness will invite aggression.

Indeed, we see in Europe today millions of peace demonstrators who doubt the resolve of the US to come to their defense. Power works a subtle alchemy in political psychology.

“It is not possible to make peace on the cheap. It is not possible to build peace on illusions.”

Sometimes, we have seen in recent years, a hostage draws emotionally closer to his captor and, paradoxically, even hostile toward those trying to free him; so some in Europe today seem to see wisdom in being kinder to the Soviets because of their superior power, while voicing harsh criticism of friends who seem weak.

The tangibly, measurably greater strength of Soviet forces on the Western European continent makes its pressure felt day by day in the psyches of Europeans, who still have not reacquired their spiritual balance after the shock of two world wars. Even among ourselves, it seems like such a waste, year after year, to have to maintain strength to deter Soviet malice. And to have to do so for an indeterminate future.

Yet this process is not without hope. These long-enduring sacrifices are not in vain. Never in history have the 400 million persons of the North Atlantic Alliance experienced such liberty as they have enjoyed since 1945, a liberty both material and spiritual. And it is clear, now, that the socialist economic system of the Soviet Alliance is a horse-and-buggy operation. The Soviets now seek prestige through military might, bullying and bluster.

Sooner or later, intelligent persons in the Soviet elite—that new ruling class consisting of the KGB, the Red Army and the Communist Party—are going to begin to lose faith, and slowly to reject what their eyes tell them does not work. If that decision were up to the Russian people, Solzhenitsyn has said, the people would long since have overthrown their lying masters. Even the top Communists no longer appeal to the people on account of Marxism-Leninism.

The French word for deterrence is *dissuasion*, whose English form “dissuasion” brings out crucial psychological realities. The task of deterrence is to *dissuade* the Soviet elite from aggression and, eventually, to see that more is to be gained for themselves (and for the world) through peaceful pursuits and economic development than through military spending. Such a vast change of heart and ideology lies not in our hands, but in God’s. Yet in our own lifetime we have seen such bitter enemies as Japan and Germany become, in time, our closest friends. Such changes in history cannot be impossible, since they have often happened. The real source of the world’s hope is human nature: An empire built on lies cannot stand—the human spirit itself finally rebels.

The burden of our generation is counted out by steadfast sacrifice, courage, discipline, patience, wisdom. Its glory is to give grace time to work: to keep the peace, until the small ruling class in the Soviet Union grasps the futility of its own purposes, and joins with all others on this planet in making human life creative and free. One day it will happen—if we remain faithful to the vocation laid upon us. But it will only happen if we remain strong enough to dissuade the worst, until the better angels of the Russian soul throw off the night into which they have been so long cast. □



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The Assault on Rome ..

The 82nd Airborne Division was moments away from a premature drop on Nazi-held Rome in July 1943. The mission was cancelled in the nick of time, thanks to a hair-raising secret journey.



By Paul S. Green

- A secret, late-night dash into German-occupied Rome by two high-ranking American officers;

- A US airborne division taking off from Sicilian airfields despite frantic efforts to stop them;

- Fearful Italian leaders plotting to desert their Axis allies;

- Nazi commanders, on the alert for Italian treachery, reinforcing their troops against an expected attack.

These were among the ingredients of a dramatic incident that might have become one of the most spectacular exploits—or tragedies—of WWII.

As a "Stars and Stripes" correspondent, I was covering that operation in the summer of 1943. Although overlooked in most war histories, it produced some hair-raising moments on the brink of disaster, and featured a daring mission that Gen. Eisenhower characterized as riskier than any of the entire war.

The plan arose out of Italy's predicament after Mussolini's fall in July 1943. Sick of war, the new government of Marshal Pietro Badoglio sent secret emissaries to negotiate an armistice, its major condition being the Allied defense of Rome against Hitler.

Reporting back to Badoglio at Palazzo Viminale in Rome, the chief negotiator, Gen. Giuseppe Castellano, told him the Allies were threatening to bomb Rome unless their armistice terms were met promptly. Castellano announced success in obtaining a pledge of an American paratroop division to aid Italian forces protecting the government from inevitable reprisals. Gen. Giacomo Carboni, commanding the Italian corps defending the city, complained that he couldn't possibly hold back the Germans alone for lack of gas and ammunition. Badoglio couldn't decide what to do.

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At Wehrmacht headquarters outside Rome, German commanders were getting mixed signals of Italian intentions. Field Marshal Albert Kesselring was inclined to accept Badoglio's repeated assurances of loyalty, but his staff was convinced of Badoglio's treacherous designs. Disturbing reports of secret Italian contacts with the Allies were beginning to be heard. The staff speculated about an Allied thrust into Italy to coincide with an airborne drop on Rome. Kesselring decided to beef up his troops around the Eternal City.

All summer, the 82nd's commander, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, had been frustrated, alarmed and exasperated by Fifth Army plans for his division. Half a dozen missions had been drawn up and discarded.

On Sept. 1, at 15th Army Group headquarters at Cassibile, Sicily, British

"We knew if the airborne troops tried to land, they would be shot out of the sky by the Germans."

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander gave the Italian negotiators a tongue-lashing at their failure to sign an armistice.

Meeting with Alexander later, Ridgway and his artillery commander, Brig. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, learned for the first time of a new plan to replace the Volturno River drop. Operation Giant II required a strong airborne force to seize Rome with Italian help the night before the Allied invasion.

Even after the armistice was signed on Sept. 3, Ridgway's doubts could not be overcome. Conferring under the olive trees, he could get no guarantees of adequate Italian aid for his troops.

At his Bizerte, Tunisia, headquarters, Ridgway ordered an immediate start on planning for the Rome drop. His officers shared his skepticism.

Acting on their fears, Ridgway and Taylor appealed to Alexander to reconsider the feasibility of Giant II, but he turned them down. More worried than ever, they agreed somebody had to get into Rome to find out from Badoglio whether Italian promises would be kept. Alexander thought that was too dangerous, but Ridgway persisted, and Taylor offered to go himself. Alexander finally agreed. Taylor would be accompanied by a Troop Carrier Command officer, Col. William T. Gardiner.

With one full day remaining, on a balmy starlit night, at 2 a.m., Sept. 7, Taylor and Gardiner boarded a British motor torpedo boat at Palermo and five hours later transferred to an Italian corvette. Avoiding German patrol boats, they landed about 5 p.m. at Gaeta south of Rome. Posing as captured fliers, they were pushed around by Italian guards, then bounced over the Appian Way in the back of a Red Cross ambulance with opaque windows. Driving past numerous German soldiers, they arrived at Palazzo Caprara on the Via Firenze at dusk. There they were put up in spacious quarters.

They called for Gen. Carboni, the Rome army commander, who confirmed their worst apprehensions. He told them of heavy German reinforcements, insisted his troops were too weak to protect the airfields and predicted disaster. More alarmed than ever, Taylor insisted on seeing Badoglio without delay. It was past midnight and Badoglio was asleep.

In the early hours of Sept. 8, with Allied bombs falling, Taylor's party groped its way through the blacked-out city past frequent German sentry posts to Badoglio's palatial white villa. They found the marshal in pajamas



That Never Happened



and dressing gowns. At 73 and half-asleep, Badoglio was not an impressive figure, even to his own people.

Getting down to business, Badoglio supported Carboni's evaluation and urged cancellation of the air drop, even delay in the armistice. With the armistice announcement by Eisenhower scheduled only hours away, to be followed by the air drop, Taylor warned of the consequences of renegeing on their commitments. With fear in his eyes, Badoglio drew his hand across his throat: "It is my throat the Germans will cut!"

Taylor drafted a message to Eisenhower to cancel Giant II, to be sent to Algiers via a clandestine radio link. Returning to their quarters after running the crosstown gauntlet of sentries, they worried that their message might not arrive. They wondered what else to do. "We knew if the airborne troops tried to land, they would be shot out of the sky," Gardiner said. "We were debating whether to get into civilian clothes and wave them away from the airfields."

On the morning of Sept. 8, at a conference in Bizerte on the final details of the Salerno invasion, Eisenhower heard about Taylor's message. After a brief discussion it was agreed to cancel the air drop. Alexander turned to the junior officer at the table, Brig. Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer, deputy chief of staff of the 15th Army Group: "Lemnitzer, get an airplane and get over there, and make sure that the operation is stopped."

All over Sicily Giant II was getting under way. The pathfinder planes were warming up at Agrigento; the transport planes lined up at Gela.

It was early afternoon in Rome

when Taylor and Gardiner received orders to return immediately to Bizerte. They again climbed into the Red Cross ambulance and took off in an Italian bomber at 5:05 p.m., still not knowing whether their message had arrived.

At Bizerte, Lemnitzer rushed to the airfield and was assigned a British RAF nightfighter. He had to squeeze in behind the pilot on the tiny plane, with the co-pilot below as navigator.

They took off without mishap, but the navigator couldn't find Licata. "Somehow we were either too far to the right or left. I said to turn east, but then we were too far east. We saw Mount Etna so we turned until we finally got to Licata. There were somewhere between 40 and 50 C47s loading or in the air, and aircraft were taking off. There was only one landing strip for them."



Below, Ridgway was listening to Eisenhower's armistice announcement, his signal to launch Giant II. Overhead, Lemnitzer was desperately trying to think of a way to land without crashing into other planes.

"We fired about four or five Very pistols, shooting the colors of the day, and came on in. Then we saw other planes pull off the strip as we landed."

Sixty-two planes were in the sky waiting for word to head for Rome. Lemnitzer rushed down the field to Ridgway. "I shouted, 'Didn't you get our message?'"

"They said, 'What message?'"

"The operation is cancelled."

Lemnitzer explained what had hap-

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ASBESTOS DISEASE: WWII's Cruel Legacy

By Rep. Austin J. Murphy

WWII shipyard workers are dying from asbestos disease, yet the government refuses to help . . . so far.



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Microscopic fibers of raw asbestos (above) are embedded in the lungs of thousands of WWII shipyard workers who, working without proper safeguards, were exposed to the material, while unaware of the health risks.

The second world war was won by men who went to battle on ships made safer by fireproof asbestos. As a former Marine who served in that war, I can look back and appreciate the extra measure of protection asbestos gave us.

But none of us suspected at the time that many of the 4.5 million patriotic Americans who worked in the shipyards would pay a high price by war's end for their service on the home front. Thousands of them have become the victims of crippling or even fatal asbestos-related disease.

An extra measure of tragedy in this situation is that, unlike disabled members of the uniformed services, many victims of shipyard-induced asbestos disease have found themselves short-changed by compensation programs. In some cases, they have received no compensation at all.

Why isn't something done? Congress has tried repeatedly to correct this injustice since the first asbestos disease compensation bill was introduced in 1977. It has failed each time. One reason is the disturbing refusal of our government to accept any blame for asbestos disease cases.

This is in spite of the fact that the government controlled the wartime shipyards, specified the use of asbestos and supplied it from its own stockpiles. It also was responsible for promulgation and enforcement of workplace safety rules where asbestos and asbestos-containing products were being installed.

The only satisfactory way to bring justice to disabled workers and their families is to set up a national compensation fund. Victims would be compensated from the fund quickly and fairly, as soon as their illnesses were confirmed by medical authorities.

The expense of such a fund is simply beyond the ability of asbestos companies to pay. Unless the government pays its share, the asbestos crisis may evolve into a catastrophe.

This complex problem is best understood by taking a brief look at its history. Asbestos is a fiber-like mineral that comes in several varieties. It is separated from crushed rock usually mined in open pits.

Because of its exceptional resistance to heat, corrosion and moisture, asbestos has been adapted for thousands of applications, from insulation to brake linings.

A few of its commercial uses go back

as far as the 1880s. Consumption levels didn't really soar, however, until the WWII shipbuilding program. Several hundred tons of the substance were used in each of some 7,000 new and 67,000 reconditioned naval and commercial vessels.

Some of the shipyards were government installations, such as the Brooklyn and Philadelphia Navy Yards; some were private facilities. Yet the government, in the extreme urgency of the times, took virtual control of *all* facilities. This is confirmed in a highly respected book on the wartime shipbuilding effort, published in 1951—long before asbestos-related disease was considered a special problem.

The book, F. C. Lane's "Ships for Victory: A History of Shipbuilding Under the US Maritime Commission in WWII," reports that the government put up most of the money to expand the yards and made all the necessary facility and management decisions. Shipyard wages, hours and working conditions were determined largely by the government; thus the health, safety and welfare of workers in both government and private facilities were regulated indirectly.

Government ship plans mandated extensive use of asbestos. In practice, the government, assuming control of asbestos supplies, furnished material from its own stockpiles.

The question of health protection and responsibility for it was to become of crucial importance. In the 1940s, knowledge of the effects of asbestos was limited. The British, who had been weaving asbestos fabric for several decades, had discovered in the late 1920s that asbestos dust scars lung tissue and shortens breath in workers exposed to large quantities of asbestos dust during the weaving process. They named this lung ailment "asbestosis" and believed it could be prevented by holding down dust levels.

In 1930, the US Public Health Service established a "safe" exposure level of five million particles of asbestos per cubic foot of air. That's the level inspectors were supposed to enforce in the shipyards and that private companies began observing.

The evidence is that the five-million-particle maximum, as inadequate as it later proved to be, was almost to-

tally ignored in the shipyards. As early as 1941, an investigating naval officer wrote: "I am certain that we are not protecting the men as we should. This is a matter of official report from several of the Navy yards."

On Dec. 7, 1942, a year to the day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, a meeting of the Navy and US Maritime Commission's Shipbuilding Safety and Health Section was held in Chicago.

The minutes of the meeting disclose that a US official, speaking of checks on environmental hazards in the shipyards, said, "Now these sort of analyses and checks need not be done often. We do not want to wish a needless chore on you that will interfere with more important duties for the safety engineer, and above all, the last thing we want to do is put through any restrictions that will slow up the shipbuilding program. . . ."

There is further evidence that this attitude persisted right through the war's end. An inspector who investigated conditions at the Bath, Maine,

"The only way to bring justice is to set up a national compensation fund."

shipyards late in 1944 reported dust levels as high as 52 million particles per cubic foot of air in some ship construction areas.

Of course, America *had* become the "arsenal of democracy" that President Franklin D. Roosevelt vowed it would be. The war was won, and for a few years thereafter—even after the Korean conflict—the question of possible asbestos dangers was simply not one the public thought about.

In the late 1950s, however, worker compensation cases began to claim asbestos-related debilitation. In the 1960s, asbestos was established as a cause of mesothelioma, a rare cancer of the chest and abdominal cavity linings, and of lung cancer.

Because of other possible causes, such as smoking, however, a case of lung cancer was and remains extremely difficult to assign specifically to asbestos exposure.

At first, financial assistance for diseased workers came from state workers' compensation programs, company medical benefits, private pension plans, Social Security and veterans'

benefits. However, payments often were inadequate to cover lost income and care for the families of disabled or deceased workers.

Because of the vagaries of the workmen's compensation system, some diseased workers have received no compensation. The workers' comp rules require that the injured worker be able to identify the employer in whose service the injury occurred. But when an asbestos-related disease dates back 30 to 40 years and several former employers are possibilities, the worker can't say for sure.

In 1973, an appellate court affirmed that asbestos-related disease victims can sue companies they contend are responsible for their diseases. The flood of legal actions that followed has overburdened our court system.

More than 20,000 lawsuits have been filed so far. Legal costs already have run into many millions of dollars. The courts are being overwhelmed in some areas of the country and up to 500 suits a month are still being filed. One study estimates that another 32,000 can be expected by the turn of the century.

The caseload is heaviest in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington and parts of Massachusetts and Mississippi. All were sites of WWII shipyards.

Many cases also occur in New York, Connecticut, Maryland and Virginia—also shipyard states—and in Florida, where many retirees live.

The litigation has done more than swamp the courts: It has driven three corporations into bankruptcy. In 1982, Manville Corp., UNR Industries Inc. and Amatex Corp. filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy

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Rep. Austin J. Murphy, D-Pa., a four-term congressman, is a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.



Safety practice today requires use of protective clothing and respirators by workers handling asbestos (above).

Cuba's Huge Military Might

Cuba's military machine, says the latest Pentagon assessment, is second in the Western Hemisphere only to that of the US.

With Soviet aid, Cuban military forces—which draw on a population of only 10 million people, roughly that of Ohio—include 25 divisions, 950 tanks, 250 combat aircraft, 208 surface-to-air missile launchers and three submarines. Its total active-duty military and paramilitary forces exceeds Canada's (pop. 25 million), Mexico's (pop. 78 million) and even Brazil's (pop. 134 million).

Since 1980, claims Cuban leader Fidel Castro, Cuba has been creating a territorial militia, in which more than 500,000 men and women already have received training; another half-million are to be trained. When that happens, the Pentagon estimates, the Cuban militia and reserves will outnumber the US National Guard and Reserves.

Completely dependent on Russia for both military and economic assistance, Cuba is the USSR's most important proxy. While many Americans are still unaware of Cuba's role as a Soviet proxy, the Pentagon figures that 40,000 Cuban troops and advisers are active in Africa, the Mideast and Central America, doing the Russians' bidding in Angola, Ethiopia and Nicaragua.

"Today, Moscow has been able to foment instabilities in Latin America and remain largely shielded from accusations of being a source and abettor of violence by using Cuba," the Pentagon report says.

Congress Souring on UN

Rising anger in Congress against the UN means that recent White House moves to pull the US out of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations may not be enough. A number of bills have been introduced in both houses calling for reduction in the US' annual contributions to the UN, for expelling the UN from the US and even for terminating US membership. All of these measures are seen as a response to UNESCO's increasingly questionable political direction.

Congress's anger has been growing steadily for the past 10 years, as Communist and Third World nations have taken control of the organization and have begun to run it for their own political purposes, often against the very principles upon which the UN was founded in 1945, congressional critics say.

The US pays 25 percent of the UN's annual budget, or about \$1 billion per year. The USSR puts up only 13 percent. Yet, says Sen. Robert W. Kasten, R-Wis., who regularly reports to Congress on the UN's seemingly "double standards," 39 UN member nations—which have been "eager beneficiaries" of US aid—refused even to support a "slap on the wrist" resolution condemning the USSR's invasion of Afghanistan. Yet, these same nations voted to denounce the US's invasion of Grenada.

Likewise, Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y., who has served as ambassador to the UN, describes the UN as "a

dangerous place" for our national interests.

"There is growing public sentiment in this country questioning the usefulness of the UN in international conflict resolution, and growing recognition of the anti-Western and anti-American bias of the majority of UN delegations," says Sen. Steven D. Symms, R-Idaho.

As the UN continues to fund terrorist and anti-American activities, congressional tempers are rising. The reaction, when it comes, could be sudden and explosive, Capitol Hill observers say.

NSA Asks Electronic Shield

The National Security Agency has asked Congress for \$12.7 million to erect an "electromagnetic envelope" around its super-secret operations center at Fort George G. Meade, Md. For that amount, says the NSA, it can shield the center to prevent electronic emanations from leaking out—emanations that might be detected by foreign intelligence agents.

The agency, which seldom reveals anything about itself or its operations—even its annual budget is secret—also asked for \$4.5 million to build a distribution center at an unspecified site overseas. Its current center, it said, is in an antiquated barracks. The new center is needed, says the NSA, because the agency deals with 48 million pounds of highly classified material each year, which considerably overstrains its current capacity.

US Leads in Biotechnology

The US is well out in front of the rest of the industrialized world in its development of biotechnology, says an Office of Technology Assessment report. More than 100 US commercial firms are involved in research and marketing of new products in this area.

But, said the OTA, other nations—especially Japan—are hard on our heels. "The Japanese consider biotechnology to be the last major technological revolution in this country," the OTA says. This field will inevitably become a multi-billion-dollar industry, exerting an impact "not only on our economy but also on our society," says Rep. Albert A. Gore Jr., D-Tenn., who called for the OTA study two years ago.

Biotechnological developments could lead to frost-resistant tomatoes, pest-resistant corn and wheat that would grow in semi-arid west Texas.

Rep. Gore and the OTA report both call for Congress to support the biological sciences to protect our current lead.

Quote of the Month

"The major menace isn't an attack out of the blue. The Soviets don't want war. We have to be prepared to deter what I consider more likely: being intimidated, coerced and pressured by the other side because of its military might."

*Gen. Bernard Rogers
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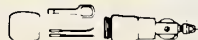
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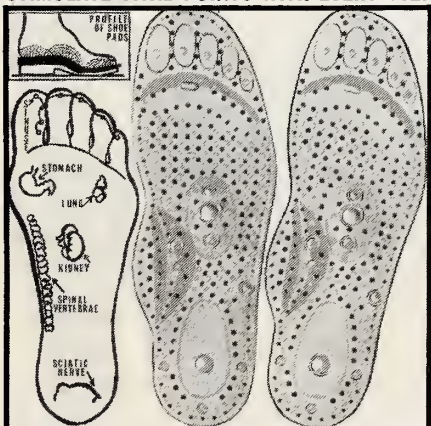


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Agent Orange and Radiation exposure legislation was passed recently by the Senate, strengthening chances that a law providing compensation to veterans affected by either of these substances may be enacted sometime later this year. The House passed its own version of a similar bill last January. Now, a House-Senate conference committee must iron out differences between the two bills, so that a single measure upon which both House and Senate can agree may be presented for passage.

That's likely to be quite a chore, because the bills passed by the Senate and the House are considerably different.

Three Specific Disorders are cited in both bills as being associated with exposure to Agent Orange and three others associated with radiation exposure. For Agent Orange, the disorders are chloracne, a rare skin disease; porphyria cutanea tarda, a rare liver disease, and soft-tissue sarcoma, a rare form of cancer. Diseases deemed attributable to radiation exposure are leukemia and polycythemia vera (two blood diseases) and cancer of the thyroid gland.

The House bill effectively would presume service-connection for each of the six diseases if they occurred within a prescribed time after exposure. (This presumption would be temporary, however, pending completion of current studies to establish which disorders actually were caused by exposure to Agent Orange or to radiation.)

While the House approach thus is straight-forward and probably would be easy to implement, the Senate version is more complex. The Senate's approach would require the VA to develop regulations, procedures and guidelines for its claims adjudicators throughout the country that would accord all claims a fair and consistent reception, and would resolve all questions involving reasonable doubt in favor of the veteran. Also, a scientific advisory committee would be set up under the Senate version of the measure to recommend to the VA additional disorders that the current studies, when completed, may establish as also qualifying for presumed service connection.

Because of the wide variation between the two versions, it's hard to say what eventually may emerge from the House-Senate conference committee. One possible compromise: the House's temporarily effective presumption of service connection for the six disorders plus the Senate's requirement that the VA develop procedures guaranteeing fair and consistent claims adjudication.

In the meanwhile, the Legion is closely monitoring the process, and will report when agreement is reached.

Child Pornography Producers and distributors face tougher penalties now, thanks to Public Law 98-292, signed by President Reagan May 21. A first-offense conviction now can involve a \$100,000 fine (up from \$10,000); second convictions become subject to a \$200,000 fine (up from \$15,000). What's more, the federal government now can seize all assets and profits of those who are convicted under the new law, including properties

acquired and equipment used in producing, reproducing or distributing the offending material. These provisions make child pornography as unprofitable as possible.

The new law also extends the protection of anti-pornography laws already on the books to children up to age 18. That's because previous attempts to convict child pornographers often failed because the ages of the children depicted could not be established accurately. Now, if a person depicted does not *appear* to be an adult, a conviction may be easier to obtain than previously.

Another important change makes child pornography automatically legally "obscene" without the necessity of resorting to complicated legal tests as set forth by the Supreme Court. This provision will give local municipalities greater leeway in banning it without necessitating their involvement in time-consuming litigation.

Increase Mileage Deductions for income tax purposes for volunteers, the Legion has urged Congress. A new Senate bill, S. 2284, would bring the current volunteer mileage deduction of 9 cents per mile up to the business mileage deduction of 20 cents per mile. Passage of the bill, however, seems unlikely in view of Treasury Department objections that, if S. 2284 should become law, the US would suffer revenue losses estimated at more than \$400 million over the next three years.

As a compromise, the Senate has added a provision to H.R. 4170, the House deficit-reduction measure, to raise the volunteer mileage deduction to 12 cents per mile. The 3-cent-per-mile increase will have to be approved by a House-Senate conference committee if it is to survive.

The Legion has testified frequently before Congress about the amount of goods and services generated through volunteer activities of all kinds. An increase in the income tax deduction that volunteers could claim for use of their private automobiles in volunteer work would, accordingly, benefit all volunteers, not just Legionnaires, the Legion noted.

While the 3-cent-per-mile increase being considered is disappointing, especially compared with the 11-cent increase called for in S. 2284, it is well that Congress is at least considering an increase. The last increase, from 7 cents to 9 cents, came nearly 10 years ago. Considering that gasoline currently is about \$1.25 per gallon, the current deduction covers little of the costs that a volunteer incurs, the Legion said.

Women Legionnaires Can Help inform other women veterans of their equal entitlement to veterans' benefits, the Legion announced June 15. "Some women veterans either do not know or do not realize that they are entitled to precisely the same benefits as male veterans," the Legion said in announcing its assistance in a VA Women's Veterans Advisory Committee outreach program, now under way. "This is most important with regard to health care, considering that a large percentage of women veterans served in WWII."

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How to *RUN* For Public Office

In our free society, anyone can hold public office. . . if he knows how to run.

By Dorrine Anderson Turecamo

You could become mayor, and restore the disintegrating areas of the city you love. You could become a state legislator and introduce bills to raise the standard of living. Or you could join the school board and pass new concepts of education to revolutionize learning.

You have enthusiastic backers. You're in good health, you can relax your job load for a few months and your visibility and credibility are high. You've watched a dentist and a Jesuit priest elected governor; a former housewife elected lieutenant governor; small business owners and disk jockeys become mayors, and public relations experts and computer salesmen elected to the legislature. Now you're ready to run for public office, so how do you begin?

Before you make an announcement, say successful campaigners, examine your motives one more time. Doing so can save a lot of heartbreak. If your mission is too narrow for the office's full responsibilities; if you don't enjoy teamwork, or if you don't have the consuming drive necessary for fundraising, door-knocking and living in a fish bowl with your most insignificant thoughts and actions blown out of proportion, you may suffer a particularly humiliating loss.

You don't have to be wealthy, but running for office is expensive. You can't be timid about asking for contributions to your cause. Minnesota state Rep. John Burger gave credit for his successful fund-raising results to Gen. Ed Rawlings, chairman of his finance committee. Beginning with Burger's Christmas card list, the committee sent a letter to every person whom Burger thought, regardless of party connections, would have enough interest to help him. The response was ex-

cellent. Some contributions came from people who hadn't even been contacted. His greatest joy was a \$100 check from his first-grade teacher in Indiana, then 90 years old.

"Never, never limit yourself by sending out a card requesting a \$10, \$25 or \$100 contribution," said professional campaign manager Joseph Leigh. "You may be reaching a corporate president who had planned to give you \$5,000. Keep the door open."

Leigh classified two types of fund-raising events: "Demonstrate to the media that you have massive numbers supporting you by throwing a barbecue. It's expensive, but you can usually get a couple of contributors to back it. However, if you've scheduled a \$100-a-plate dinner and only sell 50 tickets to a hall that accommodates 1,000, it can be embarrassing. Choose a place where you can close the arena to make it look as though 'a select group' was invited."

You may have a mission you're ready to fight for, but to what degree will your family support your decision to run? Are they willing to take second place in your time and energies? What will happen to your business and your career while you're running . . . and if you win?

"I know many cases where US senators didn't have this figured out, and their businesses went right down. I have seen mayors who have lost good jobs because they got caught up in the emotion and the ego trip of it all. The time and attention politics demands is very absorbing," said Al Hilde. This founder/owner of a nationwide business was elected mayor of Plymouth, Minn., managed a state gubernatorial campaign and was a member of the national committee backing John Connally's bid for the presidency.

A person who runs for office had better consider his goal more important than the house he lives in. He

should be ready to disclose himself, his past life and his financial status. Many of his former social activities and associates will have to be sacrificed, and his health must be able to tolerate long hours, poor food, erratic rest, continuing pressure, rejection and frustration. The pains are immediate and the rewards are remote, but your satisfaction will be in your efforts to make the world a better place.

"Patience is an important requirement," said Hilde. "The political process moves very slowly, and I've learned to count on unreasonable and unpredictable things to take place. Sensitivity is necessary, but it has to be carefully controlled. Add to this a sense of humor and the ability to keep things in proportion."

Gordon Backlund has enjoyed fighting for issues since high school student-council days. When his com-



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pany transferred him to Texas for many years, he discovered it was futile to run for office in that native-son-proud state. However, as soon as he was moved back to his home territory, he declared for the state legislature. Backlund lost . . . that time.

"I didn't feel bad because I didn't win," he said. "You must divorce your personal self from your political self. I had no name recognition, and I can see that I spent too much time on non-productive activities that could have been done ahead (making art signs, developing literature). I'll do it smarter next time."

"Name recognition gives the incumbent a strong edge over a challenger," said political lieutenant Joseph Leigh. "If you're running on the local level, join every organization you can get into and be an activist. Get involved in all of their public service projects. Stand for something. Be a motivator." Leigh has worked for over 25 years with people like Miami's Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., and Florida Gov. Robert King High.

How do you determine which office to run for? Each has its strengths. You're asking the public to hire you to do a job; do your qualifications and aspirations match up with the position? A governorship calls for more leadership potential than the studious, legal approach required of a legislator, advised Hilde. A senatorial office demands more leadership qualities than that of a congressman. Also, the higher the office, the more important rhetorical skills become.

"Get into party work first," said John Burger, who ran two unsuccessful campaigns against a strong incum-

bent before he moved to a different district and won. "The party is where you'll learn the routines and the vocabulary. You'll meet the people there who are active and are able to bolster your own ideological proclivities. You only become effective when you work well with committees and groups of people and can persuade them to consider your ideas as a part of their ideas. *A single issue won't do it.*

Hilde solicits the thoughts of everyone he meets. Then he picks the brains

"Get involved. . . Stand for something. Be a motivator."

of leaders in the areas he's concerned with and polls the opinions of education leaders, public works and law enforcement officials. After this, he goes to leaders he suspects might support him. This is a hardball approach, but a candidate has to know *if* they'll support him and *how*. Will it be privately? Only lip service? With money? By actually working with him? At the same time, this kind of visiting must be done with the party people.

"I've seen candidates delude themselves with wishful thoughts of support they didn't have. When they got out on the plank, they found it was sawed off," said the undefeated Hilde.

A mistake many candidates make, even on the presidential level, is to ask a friend to manage their campaigns. Because he's a friend, no matter how poorly the campaign is run, you can't

fire him. The charisma between you may be right, but look instead for a highly experienced campaign manager, who has a consistent winning record for the type of office you're pursuing.

"You always hope your volunteers and staff will do more than they do," said Burger. "Some will drop out, unavoidably. You can only ask and be grateful for whatever they do. On the other hand, the efforts of others may overwhelm you."

Even though you need all of the help you can get, resist the temptation to accept the help of eager, rabble-rouser types, or you'll suffer for it later. Hilde starts each campaign off right with clear rules and philosophies about organizational principles and teamwork. This isn't easy with those who aren't being paid. Even harder is balancing the relationships between the professional staff, the volunteers and the party.

The seven-day weeks Backlund spent knocking on doors ("most important") and meeting with his teams were tough on his family, he admits. The time you should expect to allow for campaigning depends on how intense your competition is and how well known you are in your community.

Once you're endorsed, the work *really* begins. Then, you have to be out among the people, so they understand who you are and what you stand for.

Most campaigners confess a weakness in their public relations efforts. Burger, a former General Mills community relations director, had to write some of his own press releases.

Leigh claimed that production, mailing list and distribution costs have made direct mailing, on a random level, prohibitive.

"Media have become very sophisticated," said Leigh, a former broadcaster. "You have to come up with a newsworthy event. One of our old Florida politicians used to say that the best way to get coverage was to *create an issue* if there were none."

Backlund, who dealt only with local neighborhood papers, invited them to events and submitted brief, honest releases to them. He received good treatment using this technique.

America has come of middle age. It's hard to excite or disappoint. Your job is to persuade the public, in a positive and dignified way, that the issues are important to them.

Even then, a political campaign is not a seminar, so be prepared to get your hair mussed. As Winston Churchill said, "Compared to war, politics is almost as exciting and quite as dangerous." □



'85 Non-Profit Postal Rate Hike Could Hurt Legion

There's a threat on the horizon, one that could affect every Legion activity adversely, from volunteer assistance to veterans by Legionnaires at local Posts throughout the nation to major national publications such as THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

The threat: a predicted increase in "preferred" third-class postal rates paid by non-profit organizations. The increase, estimated as high as 40 percent, is part of a package of projected postal rate hikes that the US Postal Rate Commission is expected to announce early in 1985, to take effect in late winter or early spring.

The impact of such sudden, sharp postal rate increases—especially on the scale predicted—would be grave. For one thing, the National Organization would have to allocate as much as an extra \$500,000 per year to mail this Magazine alone to its 2.5 million Legionnaire subscribers—and that doesn't take into account other mailings from National Headquarters or Legion Departments. The Department of Colorado, for example, would have to set aside approximately \$4,800 more each year just to mail the "Colorado Legionnaire" to some 18,500 members in that state, while the Department of Pennsylvania would be forced to allocate over \$5,000 additional *every month* to circulate the "Pennsylvania Legionnaire" to its more than 241,000 subscribers. All Legion program divisions, Departments, Districts and Posts throughout the nation would be seriously affected.

Increases in "preferred" non-profit postage rates, especially sizable hikes that permit groups little time to adjust their budgets, reduce the capacity of volunteer organizations to function effectively. That was the gist of Legion testimony presented earlier this year before a House Appropriations subcommittee studying "Revenue Foregone" postal subsidy legislation.

Introduced subsequently as H.R. 5798, the measure allocates some \$801 million of the administration's Fiscal Year 1985 budget to make up the difference between the US Postal Service's costs of providing service to non-profit organizations, and the reve-

nue it derives from *current* non-profit postage rates. The amount, however, would be sufficient only to defray the difference until the Postal Rate Commission's next expected rate increase announcement in early 1985.

"Each year, The American Legion and the Auxiliary contribute hundreds of thousands of hours to Americans and to communities in need," the Legion told the subcommittee. Listing a number of their volunteer activities, from Legion baseball to Boys and Girls State and Nation, high school oratorical contests and many others, the Legion said that the extent of its and the Auxiliary members' volunteer efforts range far "beyond helping the needy to programs that help build a stronger, more aware American population . . . In addition, the Legion each year assists thousands of veterans."

Two interdependent elements make possible all such volunteer activities within the Legion: Legionnaires' willingness to take part in them, at their own cost; and the Legion's ability to communicate with its members. "Without members willing to serve, there would be no programs," the Legion testified. "Likewise, a diminished communications capacity creates program barriers that reduce information about volunteer programs and activities."



Spiraling postal rates of recent years have hurt non-profit, volunteer organizations.

Non-profit activity, the Legion added, yields more revenue to the federal government than it costs. Although all tax spending for non-profit activity in 1981 (including the postal subsidy) amounted to nearly \$21 billion, the estimated value of goods and services produced by volunteers in the same period came to \$64 billion.

"In other words," the Legion testified, "for every dollar 'invested' by the government in non-profit private-sector activity, an additional \$2 in savings is being achieved."

Disruption of the vital communications links between the Legion and its members would act, ultimately, to deny its volunteers' services to veterans, youths and other recipients. Increased postage expenditures either impede the ability of non-profit organizations such as the Legion to communicate with their volunteer members, or it denies volunteer programs a portion of the funds that are critically needed to sustain their operations. The money, in other words, has to come from somewhere.

The Legion has been deeply involved in the issue of stabilized postage rates for non-profit mailers for nearly 35 years. In 1949, it adopted Resolution 25 empowering the National Legislative Commission to seek congressional relief from escalating postage rates; that Resolution has been renewed several times over the succeeding years.

Several alternatives exist. One, urged by the Legion in its testimony before the House Appropriations subcommittee, is that Congress should set aside sufficient appropriations to help soften the effect of future rate increases. Another would involve the establishment by Congress of a standard by which non-profit organizations would be measured in determining eligibility for reduced rates. A third, also urged by the Legion, would be for Congress to insert specific language in the FY 1985 appropriations bill to put a "not-to-exceed" cap on percentage rate increases during any subsequent fiscal year.

Whether any or all of these alternatives eventually are adopted, the fact remains that the effectiveness of the Legion's volunteer programs depends to a significant degree on its ability to communicate with members. Money spent on postage is money that is not available to support such programs. □

Here's How To Win A Free Legion Life Membership

Some lucky Legionnaires will win a paid lifetime membership during a drawing at National Headquarters, Oct. 8.

Many Legionnaires have received or soon will receive a notice urging them to renew their membership. With the notice will be a card to fill out and return to National Headquarters. This card will be "tossed into a hat" for a chance to win a paid lifetime membership.

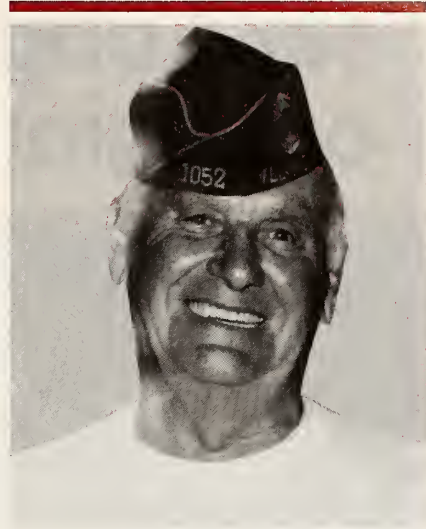
If your Department doesn't participate in the National Paid-Up-For-Life Program, the National Organization will buy an equivalent life membership in your name from your Department's Life Membership Plan.

If you don't get a notice, you still may enter by sending a postcard by Sept. 1 with your name, address and telephone number to: Paid Life Membership, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

This award is not a Life Membership. Only local Posts may award that.

If you already hold a Life Membership from your Post, the National Organization will buy a PUFL or Department Paid Life Membership in your name.

The drawing is open to all Legionnaires except where prohibited by law. The drawing, this announcement and any advertisement of this drawing are not to be considered a solicitation to enter the proposed drawing in any state or locality where the drawing or the solicitation thereof is prohibited by law. □



Raymond Nickels

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH

Every Post needs a Raymond Nickels, August's tireless and devoted "Legionnaire of the Month."

A WWII veteran and a 39-year member of Chicago's Wayne-Wright Post 1052, Nickels is described by Post Adj. John F. Mich "as a man who is generous and truly concerned."

A founder of Post 1052 who sold bonds to help finance its construction, Nickels has served as Commander 14 times, including 10 consecutive terms from 1967-77. During that time, he also was Service Officer, Poppy-Sale Chairman and the Post's representative to the Cook County Council.

Nickels still maintains his duties as Service Officer, which includes his work as a one-man "Library on Wheels" delivering books and magazines to the veterans he visits weekly in two local VA medical centers and area nursing homes. His rounds include visits with veterans' family members who may be hospitalized.

Women at a home for battered wives also know Nickels as the man who takes their children to Post-sponsored activities, including annual Christmas parties. Children at a local school know Nickels as the man who presents American Legion awards to their classmates each year.

"Wayne-Wright is a small Post," Mich. said, "but we are large in spirit because we have known Ray Nickels." □

Child Welfare Grants \$112,465 To Nine Groups

Grants totaling \$112,465 have been awarded to nine non-profit organizations by the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation.

Recipient groups, amounts and purposes to which the funds will be devoted are:

- The American Legion Auxiliary, Indianapolis, \$40,000, for a film identifying the forms of heart disease that affect children.
- The Bayonne (N.J.) Economic Opportunity Foundation, \$2,800, for a brochure on the needs of pre-school children in a Head Start program.
- The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Collinsville, Conn., \$7,900, for an "Outreach" project to help children afflicted by this disease, and their families.

- Find Me, Inc., LaGrange, Ga., \$1,000, for printing of a booklet listing all agencies working in the area of missing persons.

- The Illinois Council on Adoptable Children, Lombard, Ill., \$6,765, for a videotape of adopted children's feelings about adoption.

- The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, New York, \$11,000, to help educate teachers, parents and children on the needs of diabetic children.

- The National Crime Prevention Council, Washington, D.C., \$18,000, for a project aimed at preventing child victimization.

- The National Jewish Hospital/National Asthma Center, \$15,000, for a program to teach asthmatic children about their disease.

- Southwest Community Health Centers, Columbus, Ohio, \$10,000, for a film and instructional guide on preventing suicides among deaf and hearing-impaired adolescents.

Since its founding in 1954, the Foundation has made awards totalling just under \$1.4 million. □

National Convention Commission

Year-Long Preparation Needed For Legion's 'Biggest Show'



Thousands of convention delegates become a part of democracy in action, thanks to the tireless efforts of Legion volunteers on the Convention Commission and the Convention Corporation.

It is a gathering of many voices to speak as one." That's how National Convention Commission Chairman Wendell G. Williams characterized a Legion National Convention. "The thousands of Legionnaires who meet annually to review proposed Resolutions and to chart the Legion's course do so with the same conviction that led them to don uniforms to serve their country."

Since the first National Convention, spanning three days in Minneapolis in November 1919, Legionnaire delegates representing all the members of America's largest veterans' organiza-

tion have gathered each year to conduct Legion business and to form a "conscience." The seriousness of their purpose is no less real today, as some 5,000 to 10,000 delegates and alternates prepare to assemble in Salt Lake City, Utah, this month for the 65th National Convention, than it was in 1919, when a mere 694 delegates attended.

A Legion National Convention was, and is, democracy in action. It is a "conscience gathering," as each delegate brings a sheaf of proposed Resolutions adopted at their Department conventions. Each Resolution represents the collective thought of thou-

sands of dedicated Legionnaires.

Coordinating such a gathering takes much planning and consultation, all according to a demanding schedule of deadlines that stretch through an entire year. Here are just *some* of the 60 steps that have to be followed:

- Select the convention city, in a state where the Department has already put up \$50,000 to help finance the convention.

- Set up a Convention Corporation office in the convention city at least a year in advance; inspect all first-class hotels to assure suitable accommodations for delegates.

- Locate space for a National Headquarters office and a hotel for headquarters staff members; arrange for 40 more meeting rooms for commissions and committees.

- Obtain all needed licenses and permits; prepare and have printed about 18,000 sets of badges and information packets for delegates, alternates, guests and members of the press; prepare a parade route map and arrange for construction of a parade reviewing stand.

- Select and book entertainers; select the official convention photographer; install over 100 telephones at the convention site, including one in each National Division office; arrange for construction of a platform on the convention floor for TV cameramen.

- Inform all Departments about charter bus service and tours; arrange for receptions and police escorts for dignitaries who will address the convention delegates.

- Have all 60 tasks completed by Aug. 1, to allow at least three weeks to tie up the loose ends.

Much of the work of planning and coordinating a National Convention is done by members of the Convention Commission and the Convention Corporation. The latter group is composed of some 50 to 150 local Legionnaires whose voluntary efforts are overseen by a Corporation Chairman. These volunteers meet with state governors, host-city mayors and hotel and city convention officials to work out arrangements and agreements for services.

Host cities are tentatively chosen at least two years in advance, Williams explained. Representatives from bidding cities present their offers to the Convention Commission at a Fall or Spring National Executive Committee meeting. The Commission submits its recommendation to the NEC for final approval.

Williams, a WWII veteran and a 39-year Legionnaire, has worked on Legion conventions for 20 years. During most of that time, he worked closely with the Legion's former Convention Director, William H. "Bill" Miller, who passed away earlier this year.

"There was no one better in the convention business than Bill Miller," Williams said. Another convention expert agreed. John Briska, director of

public relations at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, said in 1982 that Legion conventions were "the best organized national conventions I have ever encountered."

A good deal of the credit for that success also belongs to Convention Commission Secretary Mary O'Brien, who travels tirelessly to each host city to run the local convention office. She must ensure that all work is done on schedule and that all Department reservations and advance transportation needs are met.

Yet, even at the best of times, last-minute foul-ups do occur. In the 1960s, for instance, the Legion cancelled a convention originally slated to be held in New Orleans barely two months before it was due to open. Delegates seemed to hardly notice, as hurriedly implemented emergency plans shifted the convention to Miami. In New York in 1937, some meeting schedules had to be rearranged when the annual parade—including some 493 musical units and 800 floats—lasted 18 hours. Once, in Atlantic City, N.J., the parade was almost ready to start when it was discovered that there was no reviewing stand.

Such trials test the skills of the National Convention Commission and its staff. Equally challenging are some of the "special requests" that Legionnaires occasionally make. Missouri Legionnaires once asked

Current Convention Commission Chairman Wendell G. Williams, left, was already hard at work as a commission member last year in Seattle when Natl. Cdr. Keith Kreul was elected.



Richard H. Klinge, former Convention Commission chairman, to provide a mule for their parade unit. He failed on that one, he recalls ruefully today, but he once came up with a bear for the California delegation to use in its parade unit. Then there was the time that a rural Legionnaire asked Klinge's group to get him a room. It wasn't necessary that the room have a bathroom, the delegate wrote helpfully, since he'd take his weekly bath before he left home.

While host cities inevitably must set aside sums to cover local costs, there also are huge rewards for them, as thousands of Legionnaires converge on the city. "Up to \$7 million will be

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spent in a host city," explained Legion Executive Director William D. Jackson, who has doubled as Convention Director since Miller's death.

A host city may also look forward to garnering additional nationwide, and even worldwide, prestige. Every US President since Woodrow Wilson has addressed at least one National Convention and most have done so not only as Presidents, but also as Legionnaires. This year the presidential candidates of both major political parties are expected to address delegates, just as candidates or their running mates have done since the Legion's founding.

The Legion's National Convention, though, is more than an occasion for camaraderie. It is a time filled with seriousness of purpose, too.

This purpose was perhaps best explained in an editorial that ran in the very first issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY, dated July 4, 1919:

"It is a monumental task that lies before Legion workers and members—but it will be accomplished. In putting your shoulder to the wheel and carrying your sector forward, you are continuing the mission you took up the day you donned an American uniform. You are working for yourself, for your comrades and for America."

So it was, and so it is. □

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Army

1st Engr. Spec. Brigade, 531st Engr. Shore Regt. (Sept-Covington, KY) Richard Ready, 84 Selwyn St., Roslindale, MA 02131, (617) 325-0369

2nd Bn., 304th Ord. Regt. (Nov-Treasure Island, FL) Larry Jenkins, 2965 Duncan Ct., Wantagh, NY 11793

3rd Inf. Regt. (Old Guard) (Sept-Ft. Snelling, MN) Jake Klotzbecher, 186B W. Wentworth Ave., W. St. Paul, MN 55118, (612) 455-0838

9th Arm'd Engr. Assn. (WWII) (Aug-Denver) J. Knittel, 2960 Ingalls St., Denver, CO 80214

11th Engr. Combat Bn. & Regt. (Sept-Gatlinburg, TN) A. B. Harward, 523 College Dr., Raeford, NC 28376, (919) 875-4809

16th Evac. Hospital (Aug-Ann Arbor, MI) Mrs. Harold Church, 52 Leitch Ave., Skaneateles, NY 13152, (315) 685-6603

18th Coast Arty. (Sept-Celina, OH) Charles Justus, 625 Yaronia Dr., Columbus, OH 43214, (614) 268-2566

19th Combat Engrs. (Oct-Brockton, MA) Mahlon Campbell, 307 Rogers Rd., Trooper, Norristown, PA 19403

19th Tank Bn. (Sept-Ligonier, PA) John Mogus, 4999 Orr Rd., Murrysburg, PA 15668, (412) 325-2770

20th C.A. Band/442nd Ser. Band (Oct-Galveston, TX) Bud Kepler, 516 S.W. 16th St., Richmond, IN 47374, (317) 935-2927

20th, 1171st, 1340th Combat Engr. Bns. (WWII) (Aug-Towson, MD) George Rankin, 46 Paerdegat 13th St., Brooklyn, NY 11236, (212) 763-5919

36th Div. Assn. (141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th Regts, Arty. Units, Spec. Troops) (Aug-San Antonio, TX) Leonard Wilkerson, Box 2049, Malakoff, TX 75148, (214) 489-1644

37th Div. Vets Assn. (FL Chapter) (Nov-Tampa, FL) Denver Martin, 525 Joe St., Zephyrhills, FL 34248, (813) 782-2289

40th Inf. Div. (Sept-Kiamesha Lake, NY) Edward Lown, 210 Highland Ave., Maybrook, NY 12543, (914) 427-2320

41st Inf. Div. Assn. (Sept-Portland, OR) Gerald LaHaie, 839 Ellis Ave., Lake Oswego, OR 97034, (503) 636-8216

50th Gen. Hospital (Aug-Burlington, NC) Jim Mundy, Box 642, Graham, NC 27253, (919) 226-5220

52nd Station Hospital (Sept-Lancaster, PA) Mrs. H. Barnett, Box 9, Sipesville, PA 15561

69th Inf. Div. Assn. (Oct-Orlando, FL) Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen St., New Kensington, PA 15068, (412) 335-3224

73rd Engr. Co. (Sept-Artesia, CA) Virgil Madison, 4231 Garnet St., Cypress, CA 90630, (213) 865-5390

90th Inf. Div. (Oct-Oklahoma City) Carl Manuel, 1017 N. 40th St., Ft. Smith, AR 72901

91st Cav. Recon. Sq. (Sept-Merrillville, IN) J. Kovalick, 6137 Connecticut St., Merrillville, IN 46410, (219) 980-3309

94th Signal Bn. (Sept-Memphis, TN) Earl Bennetts, 1913 Grovehaven Dr., Memphis, TN 38116, (901) 398-5067

112th Evac. Hospital (Oct-Albany, GA) C. R. Mann, 2608 Pine Valley Rd., Albany, GA 31707, (912) 888-3789

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113th Ord. Co. MM (Sept-Lexington, KY) James Clark, 3272 Nantucket Rd., Lexington, KY 40502, (606) 277-5187

114th Evac. Hospital (Semi-mobile) (Sept-Ft. Lauderdale, FL) Kenneth Pierce, 1278 SW 115th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33325, (305) 473-1182

115th Station Hospital (Oct-Philadelphia) Richard Keppler, 5417 Riggs Rd., Laytonsville, MD 20879, (301) 948-5376

128th Inf. Regt., 32nd Div., Serv. Co. (Sept-Neillsville, WI) Thomas Flynn, 200 E. Division St., Neillsville, WI 54456, (715) 743-3986

137th Ord. Co. (HMFA-ETO) (Oct-Atlanta) Ernest Hodges, 2184 Twilley Cir. SW, Marietta, GA 30060, (404) 433-1020

148th Ord. Mtr. Vehicle Assembly Co. (WWII) (Oct-Des Moines, IA) Jerome Paulson, 2903 E. Willis Ave., Perry, IA 50220, (515) 465-5462

156th F.A. Bn., 44th Inf. Div. (WWII) (Sept-Chicago) Ed Kubash, 4465 Red Arrow Hwy., Stevensville, MI 49127, (616) 429-3973

178th Engr. Combat Bn. (Aug-Louisville, KY) Leon Simon, 2545 S. 3rd St., Louisville, KY 40208

194th F.A. Bn. Grp. Hqs., 185th F.A. Bn. (WWII) (Aug-Little Amana, IA) Orville Seamer, Rt. 1, Box 71, Goose Lake, IA 52750, (319) 659-5291

198th C.A. AA Assn. (Sept-Wilmington, DE) Robert Forster, 2511 Bryan Dr., Heritage Park, Wilmington, DE 19808, (302) 999-8808

200th QM Gasoline Supply Co. (Sept-Toms River, NJ) Stephen Kovac, 43 Storybook Rd., Whiting, NJ 08759, (201) 350-3972

206th C.A. AA (Sept-Little Rock, AR) William Chambers, 2502 S. Harrison St., Little Rock, AR 72204, (501) 666-5376

225th Station Hospital (Oct-Milwaukee) A. Buck, Rt. 1, Box 214, Planer, WI 54467

227th AAA S.L. Bn. (Sept-Kearney, NE) Glenn Jurgens, Box 197, Curtis, NE 69025, (308) 367-4316

236th Station Hospital (Oct-Wichita, KS) Frank Neukirch, Alva, OK 73717

237th Comb. Engr. Bn. (WWII) (Oct-Cleveland) Vincent Powell, 257 Broadway, Passaic, NJ 07055 (201) 777-1545

243rd F.A. Bn., 3rd Army (WWII) (Oct-Gettysburg, PA) James Henderson, 5415 Wedgewood Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210

296th Engr. (C) Bn. (Nov-Newport, RI) Kach Avedisian, 84 Arington St., Cranston, RI 02905, (401) 785-1965

313th Inf. Assn., 79th Div. (Sept-Charlotte, NC) Bruno Crisafi, 542 6th St., Campbell, OH 44405, (216) 744-2968

345th Signal Co. Wing (Oct-Wilmington, NC) Joe Misloic, 81 Oakdale Rd., Stamford, CT 06902, (203) 324-5722

350th AAA S/L Bn. (Oct-Morris, IL) Floyd Siron, 1617 Black St., Morris, IL 60450, (815) 942-0362

383rd Anti Tank Co. (Sept-Bowling Green, KY) Clay Joiner, 928 1/2 Elm St., Bowling Green, KY 42101, (502) 842-3878

389th Port Bn. (Sept-Callicoon, NY) Russell Carl, 710 Chimes Rd., Paramus, NJ 07652, (201) 445-9771

436th AAA AW Bn. (Mobile) (Sept-Omaha, NE) Lewis Young, 3221 Ashwood Dr., Des Moines, IA 50322, (515) 278-8227

472nd AAA AW Bn. (Sept-Bloomington, IL) Edwin Kwiat, 838 Victory Ln., Justice, IL 60458, (312) 839-0475

496th AAA Gun Bn. (WWII) (Oct-Buffalo, NY) 496th AAA Reunion, Box 411, Bidwell Sta., Buffalo, NY 14222

502nd AAA Gun Bn. (1943-46) (Sept-Washington, PA) James Seibert, 17 Georgetown Apts., 1269 National Rd., Wheeling, WV 26003, (304) 242-5153

507th Parachute Inf. Regt. Assn. (Oct-Arlington, VA) John Marr, 1618 S. 22nd St., Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 521-7678

535th Ord. HM F.A. (Oct-Fredricksburg, VA) Milburn Mackey, 22 Meadows MHP, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, (703) 786-2723

565th AAA AW Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Chattanooga, TN) Sam Thomas, 4717 Aloha, Memphis, TN 38118, (901) 363-0174

566th HM Tk. Ord. Co. (Sept-New Philadelphia, OH) Joseph Smith, 755 Miller Ave. NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663, (216) 343-9005

611th OBAM Bn. (Nov-Treasure Island, FL) William Becker, 3764 26th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713, (813) 323-7668

622nd Engr. Base Equip. Co. (Sept-Niagara Falls, NY) Ernie Rode, 904 Tropical Ln., Key Largo, FL 33037, (305) 451-4452

648th Engr. Topo Bn., 2773rd Engrs., 1632nd Multi-Plex Engrs. (WWII) (Sept-Ocean City, MD) E. N. Pierce, 2800 Rosewood Ln., Pampa, TX 79065, (806) 669-3606

661st Tank Destroyer Bn. (Oct-Orlando, FL) William Beswick, Box 576, West Point, VA 23181, (804) 843-2696

704th T.D. Bn., 4th A.D. Assn. (Oct-West Point, NY) R. Bowman, 71 Rt. 25A, Smithtown, NY 11787, (516) 265-2560

722nd ROB Bn. MRSV (Sept-Ft. Mitchell, KY) Robert Seeley, 527 Gaines St., Elmira, NY 14904, (607) 734-7782

740th F.A. Bn. (Aug-Little Amana, IA) Edward Schmidt, 1325 Harrison Dr., Clinton, IA 52732, (319) 242-9178

755th Railway Shop Bn. (Sept-Bucyrus, OH) Eugene Perry Sr., 6093 Leetonia Rd., Leetonia, OH 44431, (216) 424-7978

775th F.A. Bn., 3rd Army (Sept-Louisville, KY) Wayne Reynolds, 4525 S. 1st, Louisville, KY 40214, (502) 366-2756

777th Tank Bn. Assn. (Oct-Orlando, FL) Vernon Wirth, 8330 W. Concordia Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53222, (414) 442-9664

791st AAA AW Bn. (Sept-Niagara Falls, Canada) Richard Brown, 107 Heath Terr., Buffalo, NY 14217, (716) 836-8728

804th T.D. Bn. (Sept-Roswell, NM) John Gaddy, Rt. 3, Box 118, Roswell, NM 88201, (505) 622-6274

809th Engr. Bn. AVN (WWII) (Sept-Kerhonkson, NY) John Hazuka, 144 Stevenstown Rd., Westbrook, CT 06498, (203) 399-9269

822nd T.D. Bn. Assn. (Sept-Oklahoma City) Joseph Tricomi, 119 Mill Creek Rd., Niles, OH 44446, (216) 652-1179

829th Engr. AVN Bn. (WWII) (Aug-Monroe, LA) Frank Allen Jr., 1609 Reed St., Monroe, LA 71202, (318) 397-7217

951st, 183rd F.A. Bns. (Oct-Corpus Christi, TX) LeRoy Burghardt, 329 N. 9th, Aransas Pass, TX 78336, (512) 758-2719

1108th Engr. C Grp., 48th, 235th Engr. (C) Bns. (Sept-Bloomington, MN) Harry Jirak, 803 E. Main St., New Prague, MN 56071

2472nd QM Trk. Co. (India, Burma-WWII) (Oct-Manhattan, KS) Harold Zerfas, 1812 Elaine Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502, (913) 776-7992

3467th Ord. (Oct-Kearney, NE) Joe Craighead, 5525 E. 19th, Denver, CO 80220, (303) 355-5649

"A" Btry., 358th AAA S/L Bn. (Sept-Milwaukee) Robert Baier, 3857 N. 83rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53222, (414) 463-9199

"B" Co., 2nd Med. Bn., 9th Arm'd Div. (Oct-Jennings, LA) Bill Abshire, 111 N. Doyle, Box 34, Jennings, LA 70546, (318) 824-1764

"C" Btry., 501st AFA Bn., 14th A.D. (Sept-Brandon, FL) George Rempe, 1414 Highview Rd., Brandon, FL 33511, (813) 681-3509

"E" Co., 133rd Inf., 34th Div. (WWII) (Sept-Webster City, IA) Darwin Ferguson, 909 N. Terrace Dr., Webster City, IA 50595, (515) 832-1059

"F" Co., 318th Inf., 80th Div. (Sept-Canton, OH) Martin Jenkins, 730 E. 1st St., Minerva, OH 44657

"F" Co., 359th Engr. Co. (WWII) (Oct-Corapolis, PA) Bernard Enni, Garden Park Terr. #112, Wheeling, WV 26003, (304) 277-3760

"G" Btry., 216th CA AAA (Sept-Rochester, MN) Kendall Heins, 1121 Westchester Ct. SW, Rochester, MN 55902, (507) 289-0861

"H" Btry., 123rd F.A. 633rd T.D. (Oct-Havana, IL) Vernon Coker, 1400 S. Johnson St., Macomb, IL 61455, (309) 833-4060

"H" Co., 591st Engr. Boat Regt. (Oct-Meriden, CT) Joseph Mercuri, 155 Corrigan Ave., Meriden, CT 06405, (203) 237-1872

"HQ" Co., 2nd Bn., 303rd Inf., 97th Div. (Attached Medics) (Sept-Evansville, IN) John Siegel, 600 N. Vine St., Boonville, IN 47601, (812) 897-4084

"HQ" Co., 398th AAA AW Bn. (SMBL-Korea, 1953-54) (Oct-St. Charles, MO) Arlie Schemmer, Rt. 2, Box 350, Marthasville, MO 63357, (314) 228-4474

"K" Co., 165th Inf. (Sept-South Bend, IN) Cleland Rajski, 26410 Grant Rd., South Bend, IN 46619, (219) 287-2085

"M" Co., 152nd Inf., 38th Div. (Sept-Ft. Wayne, IN) Arthur Hartman, 7417 Maysville Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46815, (219) 749-5939

"N" Co., 4th Bn., 301st Ord. Regt., 976th Ord. Co. (Sept-Lincoln, NE) Kenneth Bourne, 1850 Pawnee, Lincoln, NE 68502, (402) 423-6977

FS 8608 AAU (Scheryn, Germany) (Oct-Atlanta) Bill Case, Box 369, Ovid, MI 48866

Los Angeles MP Organ. (Sept-Mitchell, SD) Victor DePetro, Rt. 1, Ethen, SD 57334, (605) 227-4326

WWII Army Air Corps S/Sgt. Pilots (Oct-San Antonio, TX) Robert Pace, 126 Sherri, Universal City, TX 78148, (512) 658-1903

Army Air Corps

3rd Staff Sq. (Sherman Field) (Sept-Leavenworth, KS) Roscoe Swenson, 2053 Highland Ave., Salina, KS 67401, (913) 827-2577

35th Ftr. Cont. Sq., 13th A.F. (Fiji Islands-1942-43) (Oct-St. Louis) Kenneth Bogart, 512 W. Kirwin,

Salina, KS 67401, (913) 823-3604

45th Air Depot Grp. (Sept-Owensboro, KY) Charles Guemelata, 119 Aigler Blvd., Bellevue, OH 44811, (419) 483-4371

90th Bomb Grp. (H) SWPA (Oct-Panama City, FL) Tom Keyworth, 38 Crestlyn Dr. E., York, PA 17402, (717) 741-3998

301st Trp. Carrier Sq., 441st Trp. Carrier Grp. (WWII) (Oct-Kansas City, MO) Howard Thompson, 421 Highland, Lee's Summit, MO 64063, (816) 524-4063

306th Bomb Grp. (H) (367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Sqdns., Serv. Units-England) (WWII) (Oct-Ft. Worth, TX) Reginald Robinson, Box 16917, Ft. Worth, TX 76162, (817) 923-2791

326th Serv. Group, 9th A.F. (Oct-Cleveland) F. D. Morrison, 5866 Chestnut Hills Dr., Parma, OH 44129, (216) 886-0840

364th Ftr. Grp., 8th A.F. (Oct-San Antonio, TX) Chelius Carter, 9730 Evander Rd., Millington, TN 38053, (901) 872-1110

455th B.S., 323rd B.G., 9th A.F. (Whitetail Raiders-WWII) (Oct-Colorado Springs, CO) Howard Kaiser, 3110 Spring Meadow Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906, (303) 576-7587

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27th Bomb Grp. (L) (Oct-Montgomery, AL) Charles Cook, 3822 Cumberland Way, Lithonia, GA 30058, (404) 981-3945

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463rd Bomb Grp., 463rd TAW, 15th A.F. (Oct-Cherry Hill, NJ) Alfred Richards, Brook Hollow Dr., Gladstone, NJ 07934, (201) 234-2694

467th Bomb Grp., 2nd Air Div. Assn. (Oct-Palm Springs, CA) Adam Soccio, 357 Midland Ave., Garfield, NJ 07026, (201) 472-4744

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559th Bomb Sq., 387th Bomb Grp. (M) (WWII) (Oct-Boston) Pasquale Razzano, 10 Robin Hood Rd., Suffern, NY 10901, (914) 357-5983

853rd Engrs. AVN Bn. (Oct-Springfield, MO) C. L. O'Nea, 419 Cozy, Springfield, MO 65807, (417) 862-9409

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Air Commando Assn. (Oct-Hurlburt Field, FL) Hap Lutz, Box 7, Mary Esther, FL 32569, (904) 243-4601

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Roswell Army Air Field Assn. (Walker AFB) (Sept-Roswell, NM) RAAF Vets Assn., Box 1023, Roswell, NM 88201

Marines

6th Marine Div., 1st Provincial Brigade (Sept-St. Louis) George Booz, 125 6th St. N., Safety Harbor, FL 33572, (813) 725-3438

Coast Guard

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Africa Star Assn. (WWII) (Oct-Bristol, Eng) John Palmer, 38 Fanshawe Rd., Hengrove, Bristol, BS14 9RX, Avon, England

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Hurst-Eules-Bedford Post 379

Service Is Key to Post's Growth

Everybody knows that anything that grows, grows bigger in Texas. Ask any Texan.

But not everyone knows that some things grow *faster* in the Longhorn state, too. Just ask any member of American Legion Post 379 in Bedford, Texas, about membership and Post expansion. Remarkable results in this field have earned the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Post 379 THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE's "Post of the Month" award for August.

Its members come from the three communities that gave the Post its name when it was issued a temporary charter in 1964. The Post was located in Hurst until its new, \$300,000 home in Bedford was dedicated, appropriately enough, on Veterans Day last year. The new home is about four times the size of the original.

When the new Post home was opened, membership was about 240, an average-sized Post in Texas, said Dept. Adj. W. H. McGregor. As of May 29, 1984—six months after the opening—553 Legionnaires were

calling Post 379 their home.

What sparked the surge in membership? "We're not doing anything unusual," explained immediate past Post Cdr. James A. Boone. "We're just doing what the Legion is all about: service to veterans, their families and to our community and country. We expect our membership to reach 1,000 soon."

That service takes many forms. The Post has a ready supply of hospital equipment—including a special bed, wheelchairs, crutches and a television set—for loan to recuperating veterans and others in need in the community. Members of the Post volunteer at the VA Medical Center in Dallas, where, in 1982-83, they chipped in some \$10,000 in cash and service to hospitalized veterans.

The Post sends delegates to Boys State. A special bowling league for about 50 handicapped people is sponsored by the Post. Bowlers may use the balls and specially adapted wheelchairs the Post provides for the League.

Along with its Auxiliary Unit, Post 379 has equipped a playground at a

school in Hurst for handicapped children. The Post sponsors a little league baseball team and is organizing a Boy Scout troop.

So well-established is its reputation for service that Post 379 is sometimes called upon to help area residents with special needs. Not long ago, the office of US Rep. James Wright, D-Texas, and House Majority Leader, contacted the Post to see if Legionnaires there would help pay for an artificial leg for a local resident. The Post agreed.

The Post also owns two cemetery plots, either of which may be signed over to a family that can't wait for insurance payments to arrive to pay for one. Post 379 has helped pay hospital and other medical bills for area needy, and in times of extreme emergencies, the Post Service Officer is authorized to write a check for up to \$75 to help the needy. The Post also supports a center where emergency financial assistance is provided to persons to help pay living expenses.

The Post home is a center for the community, too. Besides regular bingo games for senior citizens, and community-service projects, it is used twice a week by a non-denominational church for its meetings.

Post members include local leaders as well. The mayors of Bedford and Hurst are members, and so is State Rep. Charles Evans.

There's no secret to the Post's success, said Past Cdr. Boone. "Every person that's ever been a member of this Post, the living and the dead, helped build Post 379 into what it is today. We have veterans, fathers of veterans and sons of veterans here. We're community-minded, and that's helped us grow. We don't sit around wondering why people don't join, we just keep busy helping veterans, their families and this whole community. That's what makes our growth possible.

"We're paying the Legion back for all it has done for veterans: the GI Bill and all other benefits it has won and is winning today. We struggled (and some of us died) for a better way of life for us and our posterity, and our service as a Post now is a continuation of that struggle." □



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Past Post Cdr. James A. Boone, right, reviews plans for the new Post home with Joe Jones, chairman of the building committee.



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DEFENSE COMMITMENTS

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running into problems now. Recruiting and retention of quality people for the armed forces have been excellent for the past three and a half years but the economy and other factors may change that picture. For example, should the declining value in military compensation continue, the unsatisfactory personnel situation may again develop that occurred in the late 1970s. If we are to continue to have good armed forces, we need the support of the administration and Congress. We must continue to make military life attractive or we simply won't have highly motivated and well trained people in our armed forces.

Now, do we need a draft? As a citizen, I believe everyone should serve his country. As a military man, I'm not sure how we could get a draft to work in peacetime.

We must remember that one advantage we have over our potential enemies is a motivated, professional NCO corps in each of the services. That, more than any other factor, will give us the edge in battle.

Today's increasingly sophisticated equipment requires that we have such a corps that can handle the tools of war that America's unmatched technological prowess puts into the hands of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. Keeping such people as volunteers is probably cheaper than continuously training draftees on the new, highly capable and technologically sophisticated equipment.

Q. Should the United States increase its National Guard and other reserve forces as a way of reducing large and costly forces?

A. We already rely heavily on the Guard and reserves and the percentage is increasing. For example, the use of reserves in the Air Force has increased to the point that over 40 percent of strategic airlift and tanker crews,

tactical reconnaissance and CONUS strategic interceptors are from the Guard and reserves.

It's a Total Force now. And, I say that's good and that we need to continue to seek ways to draw upon America's great militia heritage. That's why I'm glad to see the Reserves getting their fair share of good modern equipment—F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, new frigates and other first-line systems. The proper mix of active and Guard and reserve forces is more than just a matter of cost. We must consider overseas deployments, peacetime missions and rapid deployment missions for which active forces are more appropriate. *[For more on the current status of the reserves, please see page 15.]*

Q. Many are advocating a reorganization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. What changes, if any, do you believe need to be made?

A. The Joint Chiefs examined this issue and completed its review in the fall of 1982, about six months after I got this job. Our review of the law did show a need for modest changes, which were contained in two basic recommendations made through the Secretary of Defense and submitted to both houses of Congress in April 1983.

First, we recommended that restrictions on the size of the Joint Staff and tenure of its officers be changed to augment and strengthen their support to the Joint Chiefs. The changes are necessary so that the size of the Joint Staff can be adjusted when necessary to ensure it has the number of experienced officers needed to assist the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense in carrying out their assigned responsibilities.

"We need to continue to seek ways to draw upon America's great militia heritage."

Second, we recommended that Title 10, US Code, be amended to place the chairman in the formal chain of command. The proposed legislation would make explicit the chairman's functions as a link between the Secretary of Defense and the unified and specified commands, an arrangement that already works well in practice.

Many improvements could be made within the existing law. For instance, we have made internal adjustments to the Joint Staff to improve our ability to provide the analytical basis for military strategy, force structuring and joint doctrine. To assist the Joint Chiefs of Staff on major decisions related to force requirements and weapons systems, we recently established a new office called Strategic Plans and Resource Analysis Agency.

In sum, the Joint Chiefs of Staff believe that these modest, but not insignificant, changes to the current law will provide the opportunity for a more effective JCS. Other proposals that were advanced for changes to the organization of the JCS were given a thorough examination by the Chiefs. We told the Secretary of Defense that we believe that other needed improvements are being made within of existing legislation, and we plan to continue providing him the best, most timely military advice we can. □



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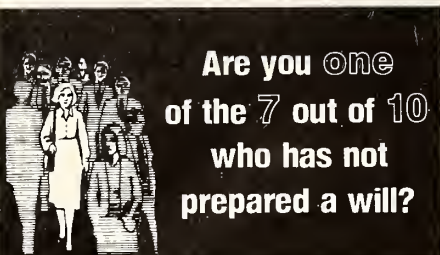
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"Reserve and Guard units have proved that, if we can get them the resources, they can meet very stringent readiness standards," said Korb.

Congressional cost-cutters also recognize that civilian reserves offer a way out of the Pentagon's money crunch. Because they are paid only for training time and draw no large retirement benefits, the reserves cost from 40-to-80-percent less to maintain than do comparably sized active-service units.

Besides economy of operation, the part-time services provide an answer to the military's looming manpower pinch. With the nation's birthrate declining, the number of young people eligible for military duty will soon begin to shrink. If current trends continue, by 1993 the ratio of youths available for military service will be considerably less than today.

Under such constraints, increased reliance on the reserves appears to some to be the only logical way to avoid peacetime conscription within a few years. It's safe to assume that given a choice, many, if not most, 18 year olds would volunteer for the reserves, which allows them to continue their civilian careers.

In the meantime, today's reserves can count on experience to at least partially compensate for their limited drill time. Lt. Gen. LaVern Weber, chief of the Pentagon's Reserve Forces Policy Board, said: "Learning to handle complex problems doesn't faze the mature reservist as much as an average 18-year-old in the active forces. With the young, there's a forgetting curve that often makes re-

training necessary. And those acquired skills that many civilians bring into the reserves are additional assets. All reserve units have a mobilization assignment in case the 'balloon goes up,' and many of them could be deployed sooner than active units."

With US forces expected to fight on two or more fronts at a time if necessary, and with Soviet and satellite forces deployed in massive numbers in Eastern Europe and elsewhere, our reserves no longer have months to get ready. Even tomorrow could be too late.

However much time they may have had to prepare, the Guard and the reserves distinguished themselves in both world wars—and before. In 1912, the First Signal Company of the New York National Guard proudly flew its first Curtiss biplane. It represented one-third of the nation's military air power. In 1921, an observation squadron of the Minnesota National Guard became the first aviation unit to be federally recognized. Thirty years later in Korea, both Guard and reserve air units were flying combat missions alongside the regulars within 90 days after the war began. When Nikita Khrushchev threatened West Berlin in 1961, a partial reserve call-up forced the Soviets to back away.

As the late Sen. Henry M. Jackson said at the time: "We have used the military power represented by our reserve program to achieve foreign policy objectives."

Yet, the US has lagged behind other major powers in employing the concept of reserve forces in foreign policy or otherwise. Other NATO member nations maintain nearly 1½ times as



Members of a US Army Ranger battalion on Grenada watch an Air Force Reserve C-141 landing with supplies.

many reserves as active-duty forces. The proportion is roughly the same for the Soviet Union. In the US, by contrast, regular forces outnumber the selected reserves by more than double. Even Cuba now boasts of having 190,000 reservists and more than one million armed militia, a force larger than our National Guard and selected reserves combined.

But changes are coming. Congress has authorized the filling of another 52,000 reservist slots in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, bringing the increase since 1979 to nearly 300,000. Community support also is growing. In North Carolina, for example, a committee for Employer Support of the National Guard and Reservists has been organized.

Can the Minutemen of today measure up? On a scale of 1 to 10, they're at about 8, but gaining.

- Although most units could use hands-on experience, in overall capability and performance the Guard and reserves are at a peacetime high. The Total Force concept of integrating the training of the regulars and reserves appears to be working.

- The greatest need is for more and newer equipment. While many reserves no longer must "make do" with active forces' hand-me-downs (they now receive late-issue gear about as soon as the regulars do), a significant number of units still lack the weapons required for full combat-effectiveness. Further reductions in the budget can only mean further delays in achieving 100-percent readiness.

- The most marked improvement is in discipline and morale, reflecting the nation's renewed respect for and appreciation of our military forces, active and reserve.

To quote Brig. Gen. Barry Goldwater, USAFR, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee who began his military career as a second lieutenant in the Reserves in 1930: "I must remind those 'Readiness Gap' critics that it's the men who make up a fighting force, not equipment. I'd rather have one American standing behind me than 10 of any other nationality."

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Code. The actions prevented the filing of any more suits against these companies, which said their projected losses from the litigation would exceed their net worth.

Most companies have opted against resorting to bankruptcy as a means of stopping the suits. But they are disturbed by the waste involved in responding to the costly litigation.

Frederick J. Ross, president of Raymark Corp., declared in testimony before Congress that the millions of dollars being spent on lawyers' fees and court costs could best be used to compensate people suffering from the asbestos diseases.

Ross warned the House Labor Standards subcommittee last summer that under the present system billions of dollars are being spent, with less than half of this money going as compensation to the injured worker. Therefore, a more sensible solution for all parties must be found.

"The vaunted 'day in court' that plaintiffs' attorneys praise so highly,"

William C. McLaughlin, corporate counsel for UNARCO Industries, told another hearing, "does indeed occasionally end with a jackpot; but we believe that . . . does not justify continuance of a system that benefits only a small portion of those in need . . . The morals of Monte Carlo should not dictate the solution to a national tragedy of this magnitude."

The asbestos-related disease situation is a national disaster, as unforeseen and frightening as a brutal hurricane or a dangerous flu epidemic—the sort of emergencies for which the federal government has provided financial assistance, even though it was clearly without responsibility for those tragedies.

Yet in the asbestos crisis the government steadfastly refuses either to acknowledge its part in the cause or to provide a much needed remedy. In Great Britain, the government has accepted its responsibility. The British Defense Ministry does not contest liability in cases where the claimant worked in the shipyards prior to 1965.

Why has Congress been unable to send to the White House a bill that sets up a national compensation fund

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Legion Works for Veterans In Asbestos Claims with VA

The disease potential of asbestos exposure was first determined in the early '70s, and about that time The American Legion took action by representing veterans with claims for asbestos-induced diseases.

Although figures aren't available to show exactly how many veterans with asbestos-related claims the Legion helped, VA figures to June 1 showed that 2,168 claims for asbestos-induced diseases had been settled by the VA Department of Veterans Benefits. While 275 were granted for in-service exposure, 219 were granted for non-service-connected exposure, and 1,001 were disallowed. The remaining 673 veterans didn't have an asbestos-related disease and filed claims only to establish a record of exposure.

"The three most commonly claimed asbestos-related diseases are asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma—a rare form of cancer for which the only known cause is asbestos exposure," said John F. Sommer Jr., deputy direc-

tor of the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division. "Most claims are from Navy veterans who served on ships where asbestos was present, although we have represented veterans who received exposure by other means."

According to Dr. Irving B. Brick, recently retired senior medical consultant for VA&R, asbestosis is difficult to diagnose, even after exposure is documented, because it is similar to other lung diseases. Asbestosis diagnosis reports must generally show a history of exposure; chest x-rays suggestive of asbestosis, particularly pleural calcification (hardening of tissue around the lungs), and lung biopsy (usually, microscopic examination of lung tissue).

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Some opponents of government payments object that asbestos-related disease legislation would open the door for federal compensation programs for other diseases caused by other products. But the asbestos crisis is unique, as even the American Bar Association has conceded. It has called the problem "a catastrophic phenomenon on a national scale"—one for which ABA favors "appropriate legislation to provide adequate compensation" to those persons suffering from asbestos-related disease.

"The asbestos-related disease situation is a national disaster, as frightening as a brutal hurricane."

A national compensation fund would take the issue out of the courts, guaranteeing each asbestos-related disease victim a quick, predictable payment as soon as his disease is confirmed by medical authorities. Such a fund should be contributed to by all responsible parties—miners, manufacturers, employers, insurers and the federal government.

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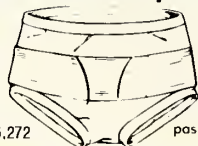


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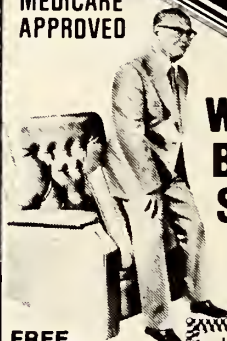
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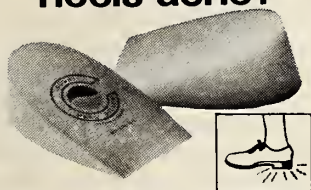
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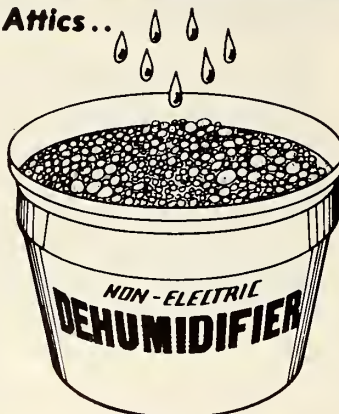
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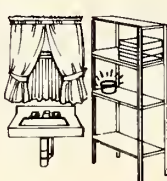
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Assault on Rome

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pened. "If I had not arrived, the whole damn thing would have gone off. It was a damn close call."

"When word came," recalled Ridgway, "I felt a tremendous relief. That was how close we came to executing the operation." Twenty minutes remained before he would have taken off.

On the airfields, the troops cursed their luck. Without knowing the reason, they thought the armistice had brought about the last-minute shelving of the mission. Several days later they dropped on Salerno to reinforce the beleaguered attackers.

Too late for the big invasion story—the Fifth Army was at sea—frustrated



Courage of then-Brig. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor in penetrating German lines to confer secretly with Italian Marshal Pietro Badoglio won lavish praise from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

reporters rushed around hitching rides for a later arrival at the scene.

Postwar judgments reveal differences among participants and observers about the aborted operation. The Italians generally believe the parachute assault would have been effective. German commanders felt the Allies had missed a great opportunity. Allied opinion varied, but Ridgway and Taylor insist the mission would have destroyed the 82nd.

Eisenhower remained uncertain: "At the last moment either the fright of the Italian government or the movement of German reserves as alleged by the Italians—I have never known which—forced the cancellation of the project."

But of one thing the Supreme Allied Commander was absolutely sure—the courage of Maxwell Taylor.

Eisenhower: "The risks he ran were greater than I asked any other agent or emissary to undertake during the war—he carried weighty responsibilities and discharged them with unerring judgment, and every minute was in imminent danger of discovery and death."

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The Plague of **FAKE PRODUCTS**



No longer satisfied with producing phony merchandise, today's bogus-product makers now jeopardize Americans' health and safety—and rob them of jobs, sales and income.

By Alan D. Haas

It began in the early '70s: a trickle of counterfeit consumer goods, apparel, luggage, jewelry, electronics, etc.—look-alike fakes that proved inferior, defective or worthless.

By the middle of the decade, counterfeiting had become a high-profit, low-risk business. In the absence of enforceable criminal penalties and civil remedies, makers of phony goods in places such as Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, Brazil, the Philippines and Mexico stepped up production—particularly of “quality” merchandise.

Suddenly there was a flood of “Vuitton” leather goods, “Gucci” bags, “Cartier” watches, “Cross” pens, “designer” jeans, available on the US market, items sometimes indistinguishable in appearance from the genuine article but always of vastly inferior quality.

By the end of the decade, commercial counterfeiting had become a multi-billion dollar industry, defrauding Americans of sales, jobs and, most important, income.

Now, in the '80s, manufacturers of bogus products have expanded their lines to include medical supplies, military components, auto brake drums, crop fungicides. These items jeopardize not just the pocketbooks but also the health and safety of Americans.

“Commercial counterfeiting is a

widespread and often dangerous business . . . The size and scope of the counterfeiting problem grows daily,” Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr., R-Md., said recently.

Here is evidence of the mushrooming counterfeiting menace:

- According to Bell Helicopter Co. officials, millions of dollars worth of dangerously substandard parts have been sold to NATO allies and American civilian helicopter fleets. Counterfeit flight components such as transmission parts and landing gear assemblies were installed in more than 600 copters in Britain, West Germany, France, Belgium and other countries, including the personal choppers of Queen Elizabeth and the late Anwar Sadat. Bell officials believe that unforming parts—some with visible cracks—have been responsible for accidents in the US.

- Counterfeit transistors were discovered by NASA among parts destined for use in the US space shuttle.

- Substandard parts were found earmarked for use on the F-4 fighter plane and the Chaparral and Lance missile systems.

- Counterfeit engine fire detection and control systems potentially affecting up to 100 Boeing 737s, with fake “Boeing” labels and serial numbers, were detected and removed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

- The Food & Drug Administration recalled 357 heart pumps used in 266

hospitals because these vital life-sustaining \$20,000 machines were found to contain dangerous \$8 counterfeit components.

- Look-alike drugs which imitate the size, shape and color of amphetamines and tranquilizers are linked to at least 12 deaths, as well as a number of paralysis victims and suicides, according to the American Medical Association. US agents recently seized five million counterfeit Quaalude pills in a Florida factory. Bogus narcotics are impure and sometimes lead to illness and death, according to the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

“Commercial counterfeiting is one of the growth industries of the world,” Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., said in August 1983, during hearings on the subject by the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, which Dingell chaired.

A string of industry witnesses urged Congress to enact new legislation cracking down on the copying and misbranding of various merchandise, before the problem reached epidemic proportions.

Manufacturers of spurious goods are difficult to track down, identify or prosecute. Counterfeit items flow into the US from at least a dozen foreign countries, including some of our major trading partners, such as Japan, Italy, Indonesia and others. Current US laws provide only mild civil sanctions

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FAKE PRODUCTS

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against piracy of copyrights and trademarks. Many American firms employ worldwide security forces to root out product forgeries.

"Shoddy or fraudulent merchandise can appear identical to the real thing," said James L. Bikoff, president of the International Anti-counterfeiting Coalition, an organization of 140 US firms seeking to combat the growing plagiarism of patented, copyrighted and trademarked goods.

"Even when counterfeiting enterprises have been identified, there has often been no effort by local authorities to prosecute and shut down these businesses, even if their activities clearly violate laws of the country concerned," said Donald W. Peterson, an associate general patent counsel of Monsanto

Co., the multinational chemical firm, and a vice president of the International Anti-counterfeiting Coalition.

What isn't said, is that although the US Customs Service, the Department of Justice and the FBI are all in the hunt to ferret out commercial thieving, the US government does not relish the prospect of embarrassing other nations with which it enjoys good trading relationships.

Here is how one phony product can threaten the lives of scores of innocent people: In early 1983, a Westinghouse sales agent in the Philippines came into possession of a counterfeit circuit breaker, which he had reason to suspect came originally from Taiwan.

This particular fake had a nameplate identical to that of Westinghouse, including Westinghouse catalog numbers, style numbers, manufacturing dates and current and voltage ratings. The device even had the Westinghouse trademark logo molded into its case. It also bore an Underwriters' Laboratories sticker and trademark.

When spurious automotive parts began showing up in this country dur-

ing the '70s, the items forged included spark plugs, oil filters and electronic generators, resulting in poor performance or costly repairs.

Today, the bogus equipment extends to brakes that fail to meet minimum load standards, gas caps that lack safety valves, inferior power steering belts and turn signals that don't always work—all products that place the driver and others on the road in serious danger.

We have situations of catastrophically fast wearout or sudden disintegration without warning. It would be extremely naive to believe that accidents, injury or death have not resulted from such incidents," said Linda J. Hoffman of the Automotive Parts and Accessories Association, Inc., an organization with 1,450 members engaged in marketing.

"Unfortunately," Hoffman said, "state and local police units do not have the knowhow, equipment or facilities to ascertain exact reasons for highway accidents, so it is nearly impossible to produce hard, scientific evidence that counterfeit parts are taking American lives. However, that assumption is inescapable."

The APAA has even compiled a "victims list" of counterfeited trademarks, which it distributes to the US Customs Service to help stop illegal merchandise from entering the country.

The counterfeiters' art has now reached a state where, according to estimates, the chance of purchasing a counterfeit record or tape is about one in five, a counterfeit pair of quality sunglasses roughly one in four and a counterfeit designer watch approximately one in three.

A widely imitated product is Optyl Eyewear Corp.'s "Carrera Porsche design" sunglasses. Fakes have lenses of cheap glass that shatter easily, posing a serious danger for people who purchase them.

"Every day, we get shattered glasses in the mail—fakes so clever even an optometrist can't identify them with the naked eye," declared David A. Crossman, a counsel for Optyl. "There is a new game in town: commercial counterfeiting."

"The guiding principle of this game is 'anything goes as long as you don't get caught.' In time, the profit margin on counterfeit products may be equal to that realized from trafficking in narcotics, which perhaps accounts for indications that organized crime sees this as its next big opportunity," Crossman added.

American industry's only current



Commercial counterfeiting of designer jeans, such as shown here in this overseas factory, is only a small part of a multi-billion dollar industry that threatens American lives and livelihoods.

protection from foreign scams is the 40-year-old Lanham Act, which bars trademark infringement but imposes limited civil sanctions and no criminal penalties. "The new game in town is one in which all Americans are losers," said Crossman.

The counterfeiting of a single product, an agricultural fungicide, virtually wiped out the economy of an entire nation in 1979. A weakened and ineffective crop spray, doctored to resemble Ortho-Difolatan, made by Chevron, was used on the coffee crop of Kenya and destroyed two-thirds of the young beans. With them went the nation's economy for the year.

"It takes an average eight or 10 years and costs \$30 million to \$35 million to do the R&D work to prove that a new agrichemical is efficacious and also safe for man, animals and the environment," said Monsanto patent attorney Peterson.

Monsanto, duPont, Chevron and other firms have had their agrichemicals, pharmaceuticals and plastics counterfeited extensively in the multi-billion dollar overseas market.

As in the Kenya case, a pirate producer offers an adulterated or diluted product in an identical-looking package, and no one is the wiser until months later when the damage has been done.

No American industry has been harder hit by the proliferation of product fakes than the manufacturers of computers, semiconductors and other electronics.

James E. Tunnell, a California computer expert who recently traveled to Asia, gave Rep. Dingell's subcommittee a list of 100 Taiwanese factories openly producing Apple, Atari, Tandy, IBM and Osborne look-alikes.

Some of these computers apparently had glued-on dummy plastic parts in the place of real components.

Barrick Security Group, a San Mateo, Calif., computer-industry investigative firm involved in undercover "sting" operations in the Far East, told the House group that manufacturers in Taiwan already are counterfeiting the IBM personal computer.

Glen E. Braswell, executive director of the Amusement Game Manufacturers Association, a trade association representing manufacturers of coin-operated amusements, such as video games, jukeboxes, pinball machines, etc., has said that members of his group make "a best guesstimate that pirated electronic games represent 30 percent of the market, inside and outside of the US."

It is common knowledge that an Apple computer look-alike can be bought in many places in Asia for about one-fifth of the US price. "Pirating is a decided threat to the survival of the American electronics industry," said Braswell.

In every nook and cranny of US trade and commerce, bogus products are having an impact.

In the past year alone, Izod Ltd. division of General Mills, Inc., (owner of the well-known alligator logo) has investigated 500 cases of fraud, sued around 150 defendants and seized approximately 150,000 garments, just in the US. This represents only the tip of the iceberg, Izod believes.

Sporting goods firms like Nike, Fila and others report sales-revenue losses in the millions of dollars because of the counterfeiting of footwear and athletic clothing. Nike stopped the export of 50,000 pairs of counterfeit sneakers recently from Korea.

More than \$3 billion in bogus auto parts are sold in the US each year, according to APAA's Hoffman. The American auto industry has been savaged by billions of dollars in lost export sales and hundreds of thousands of lost jobs, it is claimed.

"The profit margin on counterfeit products may equal that from narcotics, which may explain why organized crime sees this as its next big opportunity."

Fake credit cards cost the financial industry as much as \$50 million last year, according to sources in the banking world.

"Counterfeiters hit large and small companies alike," said Hoffman, "The only common denominator among victims seems to be high-quality products that enjoy good reputations."

The biggest loser of all—as always—is the American consumer, who pays for illicit traffic through higher prices and dwindling confidence in brand-name goods.

To remedy America's vulnerability to commercial counterfeiting, the US government (with support from a number of industrial nations) is

Counterfeiting today has gone far beyond bogus wristwatches (below).



negotiating for adoption of an international anti-counterfeiting code that would allow trademark owners to enlist the aid of public agencies in countries where suspected counterfeiting is taking place. However, some developing countries, including Brazil, Argentina, India and others, oppose the idea.

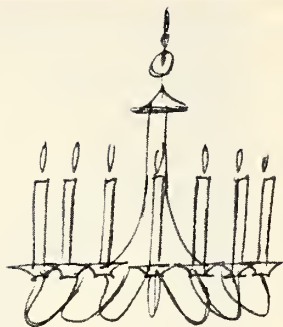
Nevertheless, the US is beginning to bring pressure to bear on foreign trade ministers under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Within the US, Sen. Mathias and Rep. Peter W. Rodino Jr., D-N.J., have introduced bills in Congress to create severe penalties for trademark violations. Under the proposed legislation, individuals trafficking in counterfeit products would be liable for penalties of up to \$250,000 and/or five years in prison. Corporations would be liable for fines of up to \$1 million. The measures would also allow trademark owners to sue for triple damages.

Today, counterfeiters are free to operate in just about any corner of the globe. Fake products are coming from one-person garages and floor-length factories. Everything from Johnny Walker scotch to Rubik's Cube has been imitated or copied.

Clearly, this nation has to fight back. American livelihoods, productivity, innovation and safety are on the line in this battle. □

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You can often get credit for horse-sense just by bridling your tongue.

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